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## Four elementary schools may close

West Contra Costa school district plans Oct. 13 and 14 hearings on the move of two schools, shift students

By Shirley Dang  
STAFF WRITER

Four West Contra Costa school district elementary campuses could close under recommendations finalized by administrators and a parent committee Monday night.

As part of redrawing boundary lines, administrators plan to ask the school board to shut El Sobrante and Olinda elementary

schools in El Sobrante, Seaview Elementary in San Pablo and Fairmont Elementary in El Cerrito.

The parent advisory committee endorsed the closure of one school, Fairmont.

Staff and the committee will present their proposals separately to the school board at public hearings later this month.

"I'm not saying it's going to solve everything," said Mary Clark, a Harding parent on the committee. "But they have got to be fiscally responsible."

Closing an elementary school cuts \$250,000 in expenses, said Vince Kilmartin, associate su-

perintendent of schools.

This spring, the district faced a \$16 million shortfall and eliminated programs such as sports, school libraries and elementary school music as a result.

Some cuts were restored using donations and proceeds of an \$8 million parcel tax voters approved in June.

The committee's main goal was to rework attendance lines to relieve crowding at the 33,000-student district's flatland campuses, such as Downer Elementary School. Last year, Downer counted 950 students at a building with a capacity for

800.

Under the committee's proposal, the number of students in Downer's attendance area would shrink to 678 students.

The committee discussed school closures to address dwindling enrollment. West Contra Costa schools have room for 22,281 students, with about 16,820 enrolled, according to district data.

In El Sobrante, five elementary schools have capacity for 2,410 students, said contract demographer Cheryl King. About 1,580 are enrolled.

"We can't leave 1,000 vacant seats in the El Sobrante Valley,

as fiscally responsible agents of the school district," Kilmartin said.

The closure plan would shift El Sobrante Elementary's 308 students to Murphy Elementary. Olinda's 289 students would move to Valley View Elementary.

Seaview would split its 285 students between Shannon and Collins elementary schools in Pinole.

Last month, the parent committee voted to close Seaview, but altered its vote Monday after a group of Seaview parents complained that their school did not

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### IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** The West Contra Costa school district will hold two public hearings on redistricting and school closures.

■ **WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13

■ **WHERE:** Pinole Valley High School cafeteria, 2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole

■ **WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School cafeteria, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito

■ **DETAILS:** 510-234-3825.

## Record numbers of cats fill up shelters

Mim Carlson, executive director of the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, says they can't take any more

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

Cats, cats, and more cats! That's the situation at animal shelters all over the Bay Area, where a record number of kittens is straining facilities to the limit.

"It's the heaviest kitten season I've ever seen," said Mim Carlson, executive director of the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, which serves Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington. "We can't take in any more because all our cages are full."

But for the Berkeley animal shelter.

"Our priority is getting these little guys out of here and into the hands of foster parents as fast as we possibly can in order to clear some cage space for new ones coming in," said Animal Control director Kate O'Connor. But eventually, all of them are going to need homes.

And that's making it tough on the adult cats, who find it hard to compete with cute, cuddly kittens for potential adopters' attention.

"So many people walk right in and go right for the kittens," said Carlson, "which is such a shame because an adult cat would be a better pet for many people."

For instance? "People with small children, for instance, kittens can scratch or bite when they get too excited, and it's hard to predict what kind of personality a kitten will have when it grows up. With an adult cat, what you see is what you get."

What can the public do to help?

"Spay or neuter your cat," said O'Connor. "I cannot stress that enough. I hear people say they want their children to witness the miracle of birth, but I don't think they'd enjoy coming in here and witnessing the consequences of all those unwanted kittens."

Aggravating the problem is a recent increase in the feral cat population, due to walking un-



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

MIM CARLSON, Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society executive director, has her hands full with three of the 77 kittens and cats that were available for adoption as of Sept. 29.

wanted kittens at various sites around town.

Studies that have found that a single pair of unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 65,000 cats in five years.

"Our best defense is a private

local group called Fix Our Ferals," said O'Connor. "They trap feral cats and spay or neuter them. Without them, the problem would be much worse."

Both shelters desperately need volunteers to foster kittens, so-

cialize cats at the shelter, and — above all — provide loving new homes.

"We could also use money," said Carlson. "It costs a lot to take care of these little critters."

## Council braces for defeat of utility tax

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito City Council has given authorization to the city manager to begin discussions with unions regarding potential layoffs in preparation for a possible defeat Nov. 2 of Measure K, the utility users tax.

The council voted 3-0 with one abstention Monday to approve the authorization of the "meet-and-confer" process between City Manager Scott

Hanin and city union representatives, as well as to allow Hanin to implement interim city cost-cutting measures if Measure K fails.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori abstained; Councilman Mark Friedman was absent.

"We envision immediate reductions in senior center hours, swim center hours, City Hall hours, after-school and childcare services, and park, street

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## Labels put shoppers in school of fish

■ El Cerrito Natural Grocery joins a program helping the public make sustainable seafood choices

By Sean Patrick Farrell  
CORRESPONDENT

When Martha Helming, 80, of Kensington, shops for seafood twice a week at El Cerrito Natural Grocery, she often brings her pendulum.

Helming dowses her dinner with the new-age tool to check its mercury and chemical levels. "I've been using tilapia because my pendulum says it's the clean-

### DETAILS

The Friday FishWise kickoff event is today from noon to 6 p.m. at the El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company, 10367 San Pablo Ave. A chef will cook samples of sustainable seafood. Representatives from SFA will explain the labels to customers. More information available at [www.fishwise.org](http://www.fishwise.org) and [www.naturalgrocery.com](http://www.naturalgrocery.com)

est," said Helming as she bought a fillet of the mild-flavored white fish.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

JENNIFER SANDKUHLER, general manager of El Cerrito Natural Grocery, shows off new labels educating consumers on the level of sustainability and method of catch of seafood.

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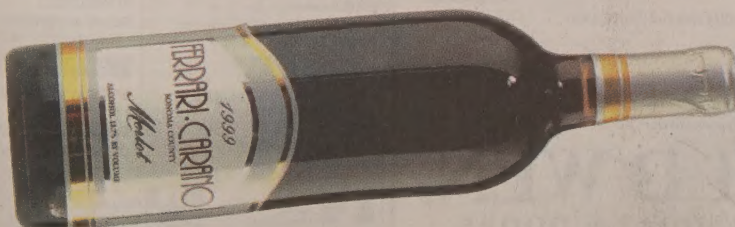


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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Marin School to Chalk It Up

Marin School will host its ninth annual Chalk It Up Festival, a popular fund-raiser that benefits the school's fine arts program, Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 1001 Santa Fe Ave. The public is invited to come anytime during the event and donate \$10, which "buys" a cement square for the day and a box of 24 chalk pastels with which to create a work of art in chalk. Participants can keep the chalk. Refreshments will be available.

For more information call 510-559-6520.

## Terrace Park beautification day set

A Terrace Park beautification day and potluck will be held 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. Residents should bring their own tools and gloves to clean, paint and garden. They should also bring a dish for the lunch. For details call Barbie Gary at 510-559-7222.

## Albany candidates appear at two forums

Two candidates forums are scheduled for this weekend in Albany.

On Saturday, Oct. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Albany Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a forum for City Council candidates at the Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. The public will be allowed to ask direct questions of the candidates. Information: 510-525-1771.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville will sponsor a forum for the Albany school district board of education candidates from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and City Council candidates from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Audience members will have a chance to ask questions. The event will be held in the Albany High School multi-purpose room, 603 Key Route Blvd. Information: 510-843-8824.

## El Cerrito

## Dinner to host Torlakson, Hancock

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold its annual dinner Saturday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. The event, called "Redefeat Bush," will feature speakers Senator Tom Torlakson, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia and George Harris III, the chair of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County.

Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For more information, call 510-527-2194.

## Green Party to host 'Pesto Fest'

The El Cerrito Green Party will hold a "Pesto Fest" at Cerrito Vista Park on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. The event will feature speakers Revel Daystar, a candidate for El Cerrito City Council and Gayle McLaughlin, a candidate for Richmond City Council, as well as food and live music. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and must be purchased a few days in advance.

The El Cerrito Green Party will also hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Little Hong Kong Restaurant, 10443 San Pablo Ave., where members will endorse local ballot measures and candidates. To buy tickets for the Pesto Fest or for details visit [www.elcerritogreens.org](http://www.elcerritogreens.org) or call Colene Turrell at 510-525-1370

## Council candidate to host city walk

El Cerrito City Council candidate Revel Daystar will hold a "park-to-park" walk around the city from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16. The walk will begin and end at Central Park off El Dorado Avenue. Daystar will walk around the city, through a number of city parks where he said he will meet people and answer questions about his proposals or policies. Everyone is invited to join. Details: 510-525-9564.

## Free forum will focus on diversity

The City of El Cerrito Human Relations Commission is sponsoring its second annual free "Celebration of Diversity Forum" on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane.

This year's topic is "Diversity in Baseball, Then and Now." "Pump-sie" Green, Gentric Jackson and Paul Daniels, local residents who were pioneers in breaking the race barrier in Major League Baseball will discuss their experiences in a "round-table" discussion moderated by Bill Castellanos. The event includes a silent auction of items including a Marquis Grissom-autographed baseball donated by the San Francisco Giants and a framed Deatra Colbert print, "The O A's," with proceeds to be donated to the El Cerrito High School sports program. The event is free; food and beverages will be provided. For more information contact Brenda Gaspar at 510-733-4940 or [bgaspar@mediationservices.org](mailto:bgaspar@mediationservices.org).

## Kensington

## Book sale to feature wide variety

Whether their tastes run to biography or history, cookbooks, romance novels, great literature or "penny dreadfuls," bibliophiles can mark their calendars for the Friends of the Kensington Library book sale Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. in the library parking lot, 61 Arlington Blvd. Also on the shelves will be reference and textbooks, songbooks and scores, foreign language books, children's books, and audio- and videotapes.

## Kensington Hilltop to host fund-raiser

Kensington Hilltop Elementary School will hold its annual fall fund-raiser, The Garden Party, at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road. The party features dishes from guest chefs and grilled specialties from the Dads Club, applewood-smoked spiral ham from Niman Ranch, vegetarian entrees and other dishes. Silent and live auctions will offer professional services, antiques, art, getaways, tickets to sports events and more.

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For ticket information, call Laurie Ushigusa at 510-559-8825 or Patty Coluse at 510-527-8903. For details visit [www.kensingtonschool.org](http://www.kensingtonschool.org).

## CORRECTIONS

In an editorial Friday, an incorrect number for the Contra Costa County elections office was included along with the correct number. The correct number is 925-646-4160.

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In the Community Folk column on Oct. 1, incorrect information was given concerning the Richmond Pacific Railroad. The train trips are not available to the general public.

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Tuesday, Sept. 28

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 5 a.m. a resident on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue reported that someone was seen breaking into a blue Mitsubishi. The subject was last seen heading toward Dartmouth Street and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves stole the stereo out of a brown '87 Jeep Wagoneer parked on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue.

## Wednesday, Sept. 29

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a red '91 Honda parked on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. thieves smashed the window of a tan Ford Contour parked at the end of Buchanan Street and stole items from inside.

■ **FIRE EXTINGUISHED** — At about 11 a.m. officers responded to a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a transient man attempting to set a fire in front of the bar. Evidently, the 45-year-old transient man had placed some foil-wrapped meat into some newspaper and set it on fire in an attempt to heat the meat. He had started the fire in the planter in front of the bar. The fire was extinguished. The subject was reprimanded and allowed to depart.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — During the day thieves broke into a residence on the 700 block of Washington Avenue and stole items from inside.

## Thursday, Sept. 30

■ **ACURA INTEGRA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a red '95 Acura Integra parked on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue.

■ **GROPING** — Shortly before 11 a.m. an Albany man reported that while walking near Solano Avenue and Key Route Boulevard a subject came up behind a female friend and groped her. The subject was last

seen heading north on Ramona Avenue and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — At about 2:30 p.m. a resident on the 500 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that thieves had just broken into her home through a back door and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ **GARAGE BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street discovered her garage door open and items missing from her vehicle. There were no witnesses.

## Friday, Oct. 1

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 3 p.m. officers stopped a red '85 Volkswagen for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 35-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda County for driving with a suspended license in the amount of \$953. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

## Saturday, Oct. 2

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers made contact with a person slumped over the wheel of a white and gold '76 Ford van on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue. The 60-year-old man was arrested for DUI, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **CAR THEFT THWARTED** — At about 8 a.m. a resident at 555 Pierce St. reported that about 30 minutes prior he interrupted a subject who appeared to be attempting to steal a green '97 Chevrolet Tahoe. The man was last seen departing in a red Ford King Cab-type truck with a lumber rack and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a green '97 Mercury Villager parked on the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue during the night and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **DRIVER AND PASSENGER ARRESTED** — Officers stopped a red '88 Acura near Solano Avenue and Taylor Street for a vehicle code viola-

tion. The driver, a 29-year-old Albany man was found to have a San Francisco warrant for violation of promise to appear in the amount of \$180. He was arrested, posted bail and was released. The passenger in the vehicle, a 23-year-old Albany man, was found to have an outstanding Berkeley warrant for drug charges. He was arrested and transported to Berkeley Jail.

■ **DUI** — Shortly before midnight officers stopped a blue '86 Ford Mustang near Santa Fe Avenue and Francis Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 43-year-old West Hills man, was found to be intoxicated and to have an outstanding Los Angeles warrant for DUI in the amount of \$30,000. He was arrested, cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

## Sunday, Oct. 3

■ **TOYOTA LOCATED** — Officers located a tan '84 Toyota pickup on the 800 block of Solano Avenue that had been stolen out of San Pablo. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ **TOYOTA CAMRY STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a silver '91 Toyota Camry on the 900 block of Mountain Street.

■ **MOUNTAIN BIKE STOLEN** — Between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. thieves stole a blue and silver mountain bike that was locked to a bike rack in front of Albany pool. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 2 p.m. officers contacted a 61-year-old Albany man at his residence on the 1100 block of Neilson Street regarding an outstanding Albany warrant for drug possession charges in the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested, posted bail and was released.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 9 p.m. officers responded to a restaurant on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a customer causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. The Richmond woman was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was cited and transported

to Santa Rita Jail.

## Monday, Oct. 4

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — At about 9:30 a.m. officers stopped a blue Chevrolet Blazer on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 55-year-old Ross man was found to have an outstanding no bail warrant for possession charges. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 9:30 a.m. officers arrested a 33-year-old Albany man near and Masonic Avenues for an outstanding Albany warrant for an amount of \$20,000. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **PLACARD STOLEN** — An Albany resident reported that thieves stole the disabled plaque out of his '89 Oldsmobile Cutlass while he was parked near Stannage and Masonic Avenues. There were no witnesses.

■ **TOYOTA CAMRY LOCATED** — Officers located a white '87 Toyota Camry on the 700 block of Key Route that had been reported stolen out of East Palo Alto. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

## Weekly summary

During the week of Sept. 27, officers towed three cars, responded to false alarms, attended to five deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their homes and responded to one report of a barking dog. In the arena, officers assisted with two stand-bys for a civil assault and custody exchange, responded to civil disturbances and 132 calls. Officers stopped 95 vehicles, persons issuing 47 citations or warnings. Albany firefighters/paramedics responded to four fires and 10 medical emergencies.

between 3 and 10 a.m.

## Wednesday, Sept. 26

■ **ROBBERIES** — Two 15-year-olds were arrested on suspicion of robbing or attempting to commit robbery, one on the 10900 block of Pablo Avenue at 9 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Blake and Liberty street p.m. and the other at the Ohlone Greenway and Donal Avenue p.m., both on Sept. 29. Carrying gold plastic handgun, the boys allegedly robbed a man of his wallet. The man, who was walking on San Pablo Avenue, tried to rob other man on Blake Street and another victim of \$5 and a CD on the Ohlone Greenway. Police arrested the boys at San Pablo Avenue near Eastshore Boulevard.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Friday, Sept. 2

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 23-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of possessing narcotics after he was stopped for allegedly running a red light at Richmond Street and Stockton Avenue at 11:57 p.m.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 32-year-old San Pablo man riding his bike on the sidewalk near Gladys Avenue and Everett Street was arrested on suspicion of possessing crystal methamphetamine at 9:25 a.m. The man also had a warrant for his arrest.

## Saturday, Sept. 18

■ **BURGLARY** — Some \$2,000 worth of drywall equipment was taken from a storage locker on the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue between Sept. 18 and Sept. 28.

## Tuesday, Sept. 21

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A red 1990 Toyota pickup truck was taken from Manila Avenue and Liberty Street between 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

## Thursday, Sept. 23

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A man was arrested on the 400 block of Dimm Way at 6:23 a.m. after he was allegedly seen breaking into a vehicle on the 2600 block of Tuller Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A vehicle was stolen from the 1000 block of Havens Place between 6 p.m. on Sept. 23 and 3 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A purse, day planner and sunglasses were taken from the trunk of a vehicle at Gatto and Tapscott avenues sometime between 11 p.m. on Sept. 23 and 9 a.m. the next day.

## Friday, Sept. 24

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — It was reported at 5:30 a.m. that a white 1999 Isuzu Rodeo with the keys inside was taken from the 2700 block of Del Monte Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gold 1973 BMW, reported stolen to the Novato Police Department on May 29, was recovered on Navellier Street and Manila Avenue.

## Saturday, Sept. 25

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Chevrolet Camaro was taken from the 10400 block of San Pablo Avenue at 7:25 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1985 GMC Sierra pickup truck was reported stolen from the 700 block of Liberty Street. The owner of the vehicle told police an acquaintance took the vehicle, but that he had been too intoxicated to remember how or when it happened.

## Sunday, Sept. 26

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 28-year-old Oakland man and a 25-year-old El Cerrito man were arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine at 2:27 p.m. after a traffic stop at Lassen Avenue near Belmont Avenue. Police stopped the vehicle for having a stereo that could be heard more than 50 feet away. The driver was unable to produce a driver's license or other identification and police then checked searched the vehicle, finding a binocular case possibly containing methamphetamine.

## Monday, Sept. 27

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a vehicle on the 1500 block of South 56th Street sometime

## CALL FOR EAST BAY VOICES

The Contra Costa Times wants to hear East Bay Voices. The Times will be launching a new feature in its Sunday Perspective East Bay Voices, in which a panel of readers will comment on an issue of the news.

A Times editor will pose a question to the panel each week via e-mail. We will publish several of the responses, accompanied by a photo. The questions will range from international topics to items of local and regional interest.

If you would like to lend your voice to East Bay Voices, e-mail the Times at [ebvoices@cttimes.com](mailto:ebvoices@cttimes.com). An editor will contact you with more information and to set up a time to come in to our offices to be photographed. You must be 18 to participate.

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# Italian POW recalls the days of WW II

WHEN DENNIS CAVAGNARO of Oakland was a little boy during World War II, he used to pass Italian prisoners of war fixing potholes on Grand Avenue as he walked to school.

"I can still see them leaning on their shovels, smiling and waving at us as we walked by," says. "There was always a hard with a shotgun, but he was usually taking a snooze under the nearest tree."

Several of those POWs still live here, including Ottone Tony Grego, who — until he and his wife moved to Ross — lived in the last month — lived in the last month for more than 40 years.

Tony was born in Trieste, Italy, in 1916. From an early age he had a talent for machines, especially automobile engines. In 1935 he enlisted in the Italian Army so he could in the motor pool and work on cars.

His timing was terrible: A few months later Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, and Tony and himself repairing trucks behind the front lines.

From Ethiopia he was sent to Spain, where he was informed that he had "volunteered" to aid the Fascist side in the Spanish Civil War.

When World War II formally broke out in 1939 he was sent to North Africa, where he served near Benghazi under the legendary German Gen. Erwin Rommel, "The Desert Fox." He never fired a shot in battle; he was a mechanic and happy to remain so.

On May 19, 1943, with food and water running out, Tony's unit surrendered to the British. The Brits turned them over to the Americans, who took one look at their emaciated, half-starved prisoners and promptly ordered them into the mess hall. "All of a sudden, there was the food we could eat!" says Tony. "I couldn't believe it was real, so I stole a loaf of bread and stuffed it under my shirt. At the next morning they took to breakfast, and there was even more food!"

They put him on the next ship to Casablanca, then shipped him to the United States.

He spent the rest of the war at Camp Knight in Oakland, now known as Jack London Waterfront, where he was



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

put in charge of the motor pool.

On July 26 Mussolini was overthrown, and Italy switched sides in the war.

"The new government sent letters to all the Italian POWs in America saying we were no longer prisoners and asking us to do everything we could to help our new allies against the common enemy, the Germans," he says.

After the war, Tony and the other former POWs were sent back to Italy. But by that time he had fallen in love with a local girl named Remigia Benussi.

He'd also grown fond of her little daughter, Dolores, forging a strong father-daughter bond that persists to this day.

After he was sent to Italy, Remigia and Dolores joined him, and on Oct. 4, 1948, Tony and Remigia were married. (Monday was their 56th anniversary.) Soon afterward they came back to the Bay Area for good.

In 1951 Tony was sworn in as an American citizen, Remigia and Dolores standing proudly by his side. In 1954 Dolores got a little sister, Christina. Together, they have presented Tony and Remigia with four grandchildren.

Tony spent his postwar career as a master mechanic with Pacific Intermountain Express until he retired in 1983. In addition to his retirement benefits and SSI, he gets a small monthly pension from the Italian government for his military service in World War II.

So what does he like best about his adopted country? "I love the openness, the way people accept a newcomer like me. But most of all, I love the democracy. You can't appreciate how precious it is unless you've lived under a different system, as I did."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

## ET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

A JOINT effort with Berkeley Animal Services, the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society will have rabbits for a limited time. There are currently five rabbits between the ages of 2 and 8 months. All white with some gray and brown on their ears, feet and muzzles.

BERKELEY — The following dogs may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Male torbie mix, 2 years (two dogs); female hound mix, 6 months (two dogs); male meranian mix, 3 years (two dogs); male dachshund mix, 6 years; male Labrador retriever mix, 1 year; female Australian shepherd mix, 2-3 years; male longhaired Chihuahua mix, 1 year; female border collie, 1 year.

Cats: Female black and white, 3 years, 11 months (3 cats); male black and white, 1-2 years, 1 year (three cats); male black, 8 years; female tortoiseshell, 5 years; female tortoiseshell, 4 years, 5 years;

female torbie (tortoiseshell-tabby), 3 years; female calico, 3 years (two cats); male gray tabby, 3 years; female brown tabby, 14 years; male black tabby, 1 year; male gray, 5 years; female calico, 3 years; many kittens.

**Rabbits:** Mixed-breed rabbits of various ages and sexes, all white short-hairs, (five rabbits).

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 N. 1st St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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# Neighbors

## FACES & PLACES



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## Dance to the music

ALBANIANS AND FRIENDS are being entertained by free concerts in the park these days. Above, the crowd shows its appreciation. Bottom photo, from left: Katie Cleary, 2, Ruby McNitt, 6, Catie Tyler, 5, and Alison Radkey, 5, play in front of the stage as Adam Cotton of Austin, Texas, performs. The concerts, sponsored by Target, continue from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 14. For more information, call 510-524-9288.



# Senior seeks ideas to keep mind sharp

Q: I am a senior who is still working full time. Is that enough to keep the mind working, or should I be supplementing my daily schedule with a class or two? I surely don't want to lose my mind!

A: What type of employment do you have? Is it a challenge, or do you have repetitions of some sort? Just putting in your time will not be a help mentally if you are bored. But if you are very happy, satisfied, and find it necessary to think extensively about what you do, it may well be enough without classes or extra activities, at least for the time being.

You mention being a "senior." What are your plans for retirement? The fact that you are continuing to work full time although you are past retirement age, or at least close to it, sounds as if you really like what you are doing.

Studies indicate that keeping active mentally is of great benefit to older adults, with the possibility of retarding, or completely avoiding, the onset of Alzheimer's disease. It also appears that more and more people are retiring, but then continuing to work at their employment as they did before retirement.

On occasion they may be paid a nominal sum for the hours they put in. Of course, they also receive their retirement funds, so there is no financial



CONNIE LYNCH  
Don't Lose Your Mind

problem and they are happily continuing the efforts in which they have been engaged for many years.

If, on the other hand, you are not all that delighted with your present activities, think about other things that you want to consider doing. What are your prime interests? You have mentioned classes so you must want to learn new things.

How do you plan to use this information? Do you have a particular purpose in mind? Do you want to interact with others? Perhaps you have a hobby you wish to upgrade. If you learn more about it, you can pursue it in greater depth. A hobby can be exciting, inviting you to interact with others who share your interest, even leading to travel and more learning.

Learning a new language is also a real challenge. A language class usually encourages interaction among the participants, and this is greatly beneficial, both socially and mentally. You can make new friends as well as enjoy a rewarding learning experience. At some point you may be

induced to visit another country so you'll enjoy better understanding, especially if you can speak, or at least read, some of the different language.

Consider being a volunteer. Working with others is certainly a wonderful choice. How satisfying it is to be a help in particular areas! There is always a need for assistance with older adults who are physically or mentally disabled.

Children are also a target. Af-

ter-school programs often are of great benefit, from monitoring various activities to helping tutor children who need a little extra help in certain areas.

These are a few possible options. I hope they help and that you enjoy greatly your future years, whatever you decide.

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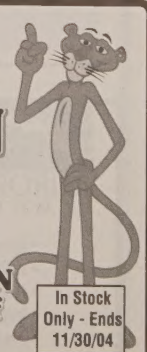
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## New library inspires school-wide reading initiative

Excitement at Black Pine Circle School (a K-8 school in Berkeley) mounts as students watch the construction of their new library.

In preparation, BPC's elementary school principal, Laura Wolff, has launched "The Year for Reading," promoting the joy of reading through visits from children's book authors, book drives, a Read-a-thon to benefit local charities, and other planned events.

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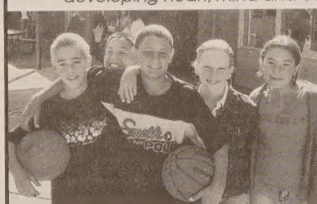
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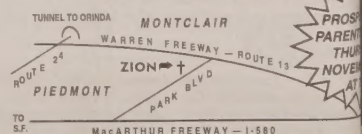


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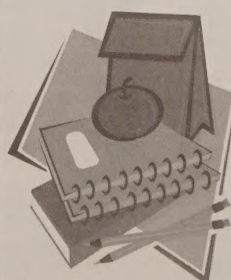
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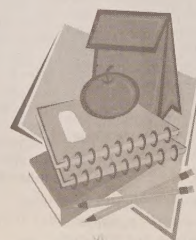
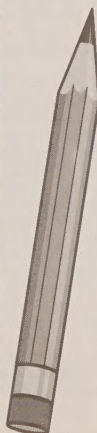
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## EDITORIAL

## College out of reach

THE UNITED STATES PRIDES itself on being a nation where anyone can achieve great things, can climb the ladder to financial success; we do not believe individuals can be pigeon-holed into a life-station. Our society is not a class system. Sadly, this is becoming a once-upon-a-time fairy tale, growing further from the truth each year, particularly as we allow higher education to become out of reach for all but the elite.

A new report from the nonprofit National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education says states have not made an effort to keep colleges and universities affordable. Not only have tuition rates been on the rise at a rate faster than inflation, but financial aid has been on the decline.

The increased costs are hitting poor families hardest and keeping qualified students of those families from four-year institutions.

The percentage of income that average families pay for college expenses has increased up to 10 percent in some states. In California, 32 percent of a family's income goes to paying for expenses at a four-year public institution. Meanwhile, the salary gap between the state's "haves" and "have-nots" also has increased.

Poor families carve out the highest percentage of their smaller incomes. Middle-income families feel the pinch too, and their college-bound students often don't end up at four-year institutions, either. The cuts in available federal and state grants, need-based scholarships, work-study funds and the like have added to the problem.

Without a college education, the likelihood of moving up the economic ladder is decreased. They also will find job opportunities shrinking. In the last 10 years, jobs for those with bachelor's degrees grew by 1.8 million while the market for those with only a high school degree shrunk by nearly 700,000 jobs, according to the Department of Labor.

The department also predicts the job categories expected to grow fastest in the next decade, and they all require a college diploma.

Not many executives, managers, board members, CEOs are without a degree; many have advanced degrees. A lack of a bachelor's degree keeps people out of any number of professional positions, and they will earn less money.

People with four-year college degrees make on average \$11,000 more annually than people with only high-school degrees. They make \$6,500 more than people with two-year degrees.

Those thousands allow for home ownership, investment, continued education, savings and sending kids to college. It becomes a vicious cycle: unable to go to college, unable to advance financially, unable to send your children to college so they can advance.

We can't simply say we are a nation where everyone can achieve, yet continue to pull the carrot out of reach as people grab for it.

We will continue to see the poverty rate in the nation rise if opportunities to advance, college in particular, is not within reach for those now in poverty or near it. States and nations, schools and governments, must examine ways to make a premium source of achievement attainable for those who want to get on that ladder and climb, no matter where they start.

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## Key to Albany vision

The key to the environmental vision for the Albany shore is the amount of park, beach and open space.

Albany already has a lot of development on its waterfront — a large racetrack. The racetrack owners propose more.

First, the racetrack is backing Prop. 68 to allow it to build a massive casino/track/mall development. Second, the track is already polling in Albany and Berkeley, looking for support for an Indian casino complex on Albany's waterfront, if Prop. 68 fails.

Thousands of residents banded together to achieve the Eastshore State Park. We do not dream idly. Nor do we need millions for military base conversion like Crissy Field. Excess racetrack parking should be added to the park. Horse racing's decline indicates that Albany's racetrack will move to Magna's new racetrack in Dixon. Albany's racetrack area can then be added to the park, excepting about 15 percent of the area for development as shown in the CESP/Sierra Club Plan. This will actually increase the income the city gets from the waterfront.

The handful of development advocates quoted miss the point of saving this legacy. It is not just about us. It is for our children's grandchildren, who will be ever grateful.

Robert Cheasty  
Albany

Cheasty is president of Citizens for the Eastshore State Park.

## Be wary of partisanship

As you have written, "partisanship" has no place in local elections; rather, candidates should focus on "issues" (editorial, Sept. 24). But what do and should we mean by this? You refer to "slapping party labels" on candidates. Some might read this as limiting your point. In fact, partisanship has a much greater reach, for it is a biased or unthinking allegiance to a person, party or cause. We should all be wary of it in ourselves, in candidates, and in advocacy groups.

The opposite problem exists in our common use of the term "issues." We applaud those who address them. But what are they in local elections? Are they grand plans or schemes?

The reality is that local government officials control only a limited range of matters. Even then, they are often constrained by state and federal mandates, budgetary limitations and voter initiatives.

Yes, candidates should address local issues. But a candidate's fitness for local office is more closely tied to a demonstrated willingness to balance legitimate, but conflicting concerns than a desire to promote grand schemes. Indeed, those who campaign on the latter usually show only that they are partisan actors unsuited for the true challenges of the offices they seek.

Bob Outis  
Albany

## Popular misconception

In her Sept. 24 letter regarding the Albany City Council election, Nancy Linford Gladstone propagates a popular misconception about the Brown Act. Withholding opinions while matters are under public discussion is not one of the act's requirements.

The Brown Act generally applies to situations in which a quorum or majority of a governing body is present. While it does provide important provisions for openness of discussion and public comment, it does not excuse individual office holders or individual political candidates

from sharing their opinions with the public.

Like Gladstone, I would like Albany's City Council to take public comment seriously as it deliberates on the issues facing our city. Nonetheless, I also assume that council members will have naturally developed some opinions or preconceptions prior to the public hearing. If the public knew where they stood at the beginning of the discussion, we could provide more targeted and constructive comments on the issues facing our city.

The absence of a stated opinion may reflect a remarkably open mind, but it may also coincide with an inability to provide useful direction to city staff. The presence of a stated opinion reflects attentiveness to the issues and a vision for our city. It is time for that kind of new leadership in Albany.

Dave P. Miller  
Albany

## A dual perspective

As a 20-year Albany resident, I reject the proposal by a big-money, outside corporation to develop Albany's shoreline. I react from a dual perspective as a homeowner and a landscape architect with 25 years of site-planning experience. The development plan was revised in response to residents' criticisms, but only slightly. It still smothers most of the remaining open land with buildings and parking lots. Supporters say they are still providing access along the shore, but an asphalt path squeezed between massive buildings and the shoreline rocks is no park.

Albany is modest, without much claim to uniqueness, but it supports a fine high school, a thriving Main Street, and preserves that lost American past of friendly small towns. It also possesses a natural amenity that others envy: The shoreline is accessible, and has a stunning view of the San Francisco Bay. From where else in the world can you watch the sun set right on the famous Golden Gate Bridge?

Let's learn from the mistakes of other U.S. cities that blocked off their shorelines with development, and now are spending billions to restore access and rehabilitate wetlands. Reject this outside invasion. Keep the jewel of our shoreline intact.

Maureen Simmons  
Albany

## Cell tower moratorium needed

The city of Albany has recently been inundated with applications by cell phone companies to locate towers; everywhere from Albany High to a location on Solano Avenue just a few feet from a high school student's bedroom.

I am no Luddite, use a cell phone, and am not by nature anti-business. However, the research on the negative health effects of exposure to electric magnetic fields (EMFs), even below the limits set by the FCC, is at best inconclusive. Therefore, I encourage a moratorium on further approvals until intelligent zoning regulations can be implemented. One consideration should be proximity to residential pockets. The proposed location

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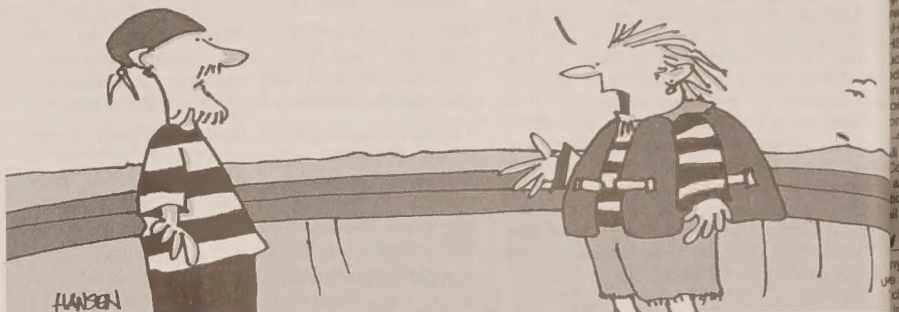
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of nine antennas at 1530 at Solano is shockingly close to the first home on Peralta Street. I'm talking just a few feet.

Why should you care? Because the block could be next! Cell phone companies frustrated with dealing with Berkeley have found the Albany planning commission and approval process a piece of cake, and a literal rubber stamp.

I encourage all Albany residents to get out and vote for Richard Cross, Bob Parker, and Bob Lieber for City Council. These guys know how to apply the brakes and will!

Steve P.

## Restoring integrity

George W. Bush, in his first run as president, offered "compassionate conservatism" and return to family values. What we know now is that, in Bush Country, actions speak louder than words.

There is no compassion in his conservatism: His tax cuts have benefited only the very rich. Because of his position against stem-cell research, he denies to thousands of Americans with potentially curable disease.

The list goes on: failure, through lack of adequate funding, of his "No Child Left Behind" policy; loss of jobs to outsourcing; increasing numbers of families in poverty; loss of access to health care. These are just a few.

John Kerry said, "It is time for the talk about family values to start visiting families."

Bush considers his base "the middle and the have-mores." How many American families can claim they are part of Bush's base? An overwhelming percentage of American families have less than they had four years ago. Why would we support a candidate for president who turns his back on their needs? Kerry, a man who is in touch with that percentage of Americans. We deserve more. alternative to John Kerry is four more years of having naught.

Deborah L.

Berkeley

## All deserve health protection

While Californians celebrate the anniversary of the California Smoke Indoor Workplace Law, it's unfortunate Gov. Schwarzenegger thinks so little of it.

Not only does he personally continue to violate it by smoking cigars in his car, but when given the opportunity to tend the law to protect people working on tribal land, he chose to treat the workers as second-class citizens.

Casino San Pablo has the potential to be one of California's largest indoor workplaces, fostering the hope it will be a nomic boon to the entire state. Yet, the pact signed by Schwarzenegger does nothing to protect the health of those workers who'll have a hand in its success, the health of those visiting the casino.

By creating a provision requiring installation of a ventilation system in casino, the compact creates a false sense of security, since no ventilation-system technology exists protecting the public from secondhand smoke.

All workers deserve protection from death and disease caused by secondhand smoke, regardless of who owns the place they work on.

Casino San Pablo and all California casinos should be entirely smoke-free. Anything less will mark a major regression from statewide policy of smokefree workplaces, which Californians overwhelmingly approved.

Cynthia H.

Berkeley











# New PBS show offers students a tasty way to learn

**DOOF: Food Backwards** is being shot in the help of Alice Waters and Bay Area chefs and educators

By Jackie Burrell  
STAFF WRITER

Strawberries, tomatoes and cheese are all ingredients in the new PBS series and classroom outreach program **DOOF: Food Backwards** and the East Bay. Part of the series, **DOOF: Food Backwards** is a kids' cooking show that mixes nutrition, math and science with spicy gazpacho and Thai noodles. The series will air until next year, but 800 second-graders are getting a sneak peek

**Food Backwards** is our child's answer to the Slow Food movement," said **DOOF** education coordinator Ethel Bren-

nan. The aroma of garlic, peppers and lemon wafted last week from the kitchen of Franklin Elementary School, where 20 apron-clad kids were taking a crash course in **DOOF**, starting with a Lodi tomato and a Berkeley farm-fresh egg. They oohed and aahed over the tomatoes and lemon boys — and chat-botted with Brennan, diving into a lesson on

second-grader Zhi Yang

opped the top off his tomato with a plastic knife and yelped in surprise: "Hey, there's juice in here!"

Mei Li scooped a pungent mixture of tomatoes, cucumbers and bell peppers into a mixing bowl, then wrinkled her nose at her equally pungent fingers.

"Smells stinky," classmate Sophia Huang said with a wide grin.

They squeezed lemons until they were white-knuckled, smashed garlic cloves and carefully measured olive oil and seasonings into a blender. Yapor wrote new vocabulary words on the white board.

"It's called gazpacho," Brennan said.

The children stared at her, nervous.

"It's sort of like salsa," Whew.

From gazpacho, it's a short culinary hop to honey, apples and "beet poetry," subjects of upcoming episodes and classroom lessons. But **DOOF** actually began in Mike Axinn's family room one weekend, as he watched his children flip from Saturday morning cartoons to food shows.

"Why not a cooking show for kids but zanier?" Axinn asked himself. "We're airing it at a time when there's a great crisis going on with obesity. Our philosophy is to get these kids at an impressionable age. Go in before it's too late."

Axinn pulled together a creative team that included pastry chef Alan Tangren from Chez Panisse and a range of food-loving, award-winning filmmakers,



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS Jean Heyu, left; Andy Chau, center; and Tina Lee squeeze lemon juice into other ingredients for gazpacho Thursday afternoon at the school as part of the new PBS show **"DOOF: Food Backwards."**

writers, artists and actors — and, of course, Chez Panisse owner and founder Alice Waters. The doyenne of California cuisine, Waters also started the Chez Panisse Foundation and Berkeley's Edible Schoolyard. Filming began in that schoolyard last year.

It's no accident that the project is coming out of Berkeley's Fantasy Studios and Saul Zaentz Film Center, said Axinn.

"If you're into food and you live in Berkeley, it's like Eskimos and snow," he said. "You know

20 different types of lettuce."

Last spring, Axinn and his team approached Alameda County nutrition officials with the test DVD and an education outreach proposal. Between now and March, Brennan and her team will visit 40 different second-grade classrooms to tout the delights of apples and pears, tomatoes and stinky cheese.

"We don't say we're going to teach nutrition or math or science, but that's what food does — teaches without seeming like you're teaching," Axinn said. "It's

amazing to go into classrooms. They're all raising their hands to tell us about their grandma's garden."

Franklin's second-graders wanted to talk about their own garden, a serene sweep of curved brick paths, raised vegetable beds and a new gazebo that can hold an entire class. The children began working on it as first-graders in Lisa Lam's class, learning about life cycles, examining plant roots and growing their own salads.

Now, as the gazpacho eaters

began dunking crunchy garlic toasts into their salsa-like soup, a knock sounded at the door. Lam's first-graders peered around the doorjamb, sniffing wildly. Soup? A movie about tomatoes? Shyly, they edged inside, took a seat on the floor and **DOOF** rolled again.

The program will be televised first on KTEH-TV, a public television station in San Jose.

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## Opening on target

As shoppers take advantage of a pre-grand opening day at the new Target store in Albany, Oct. 5, they also see a unique feature — shopping carts able to take the escalator up to and down from the second floor filled with goodies. The store officially opens on Oct. 10.



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## Utility

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and maintenance services," wrote Hanin in a report to the council.

The "meet and confer" process, Hanin said, is necessary to enact layoffs, though any staff cuts will ultimately be up to the council to approve.

Hanin detailed for the council what might be lost if 12 percent in cuts — the amount the tax generates yearly to the general fund — were implemented across all city

divisions.

Among other things, the council could eliminate two sworn police officers, four detective positions, two crossing guards and one firefighter, and close Fire Station 72 on Arlington Boulevard.

Potential pay-outs to the state as well as \$2.2 million in refunds to residents if the measure fails could make things worse, the report says.

Hanin wrote he may have to use \$1.2 million the council has set aside for a new city hall and \$300,000 set aside for street paving

to increase the amount the city would have available in the event of an emergency.

Opponents to the tax counter that if it's not approved, the city has enough in its reserve funds to continue operating while it drafts a new utility tax that fixes a number of flaws and lowers the rate.

Residents have paid the 8 percent fee levied on their gas and electric, cable television and phone bills since 1992 and will vote Nov. 2 whether it should continue. It costs the average resident \$156 a year, according to a city fact sheet.

ommendation be to close Seaview when we had no representation?"

Other parents said they did not approve closing small schools because of their relatively small classes and committed parents. Valley View parent Jeffrey Wright wondered why the district would want to close

Olinda, which has an academic performance index of 832, the third-highest among West County elementary schools.

"It's ludicrous that the district wants to be known for closing top schools," he said.

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## Schools

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have an active parent appointed until last week.

"We had no idea these meetings were going on," said Jeanie Hedeem, mother of a Seaview fifth-grader. "How could the rec-

## Fish

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The pendulum might not be for everyone, Helming said. A new labeling system introduced last week at the grocery store will help consumers who want a more scientific way of shopping for healthy and ecologically sound food buy the most sustainable seafood.

Helming had read the tilapia price tag to find that it had been farm-raised in Ecuador. But she was unaware that the green stripe across the top of the tag meant it was a "best choice" for sustainability.

"A lot of people just think it's a new fancy sign," said Josh Risse, 25, a meat cutter at the store. "I try to let them know about the signs to become aware of our program."

The program is FishWise, a labeling system developed by Sustainable Fishery Advocates (SFA), a Santa Cruz nonprofit that seeks to educate grocers, restaurants and consumers about seafood sustainability.

Scientists define sustainable fishing as operations that guarantee a species' survival through modest catch amounts and minimal impact on other species and the surrounding environment.

El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company began using the FishWise sustainability information last week. A label education event is scheduled for Friday at the store, the first in the East Bay to use the system.

SFA members trained the meat counter staff and supplied the store with a booklet of scientific papers to help answer questions customers may have. Wallet-sized cards listing the fish and their sustainability are free to customers.

Risse said he hopes customers will also consult the card at con-

ventional grocery stores and at restaurants. "It helps them decide what is healthiest for themselves and the environment," he said.

FishWise, which has been in Santa Cruz stores for more than a year, is expanding to the El Cerrito store with help from a \$10,000 grant from the California Coastal Commission. SFA plans to expand the labeling across the Bay Area, the rest of California, Oregon and Washington.

Until recently, even at "natural" food stores, like the Natural Grocery Company, where 100 percent of the produce is organic, no easy way existed of informing customers about sustainability.

"We try to go the extra mile. It's part of our philosophy," said Bob Gerner, 58, Natural Grocery founder. In addition to selling only organic produce, the store sells no foods containing refined flours or sugars or artificial colors, sweeteners or flavors.

Carrying sustainable seafood alongside the organic and whole foods was a natural fit, said Jennifer Sandkuhler, assistant general manager. "We're doing it because it's the right thing to do," she said. "It's knowing that your customers are eating this food and the Earth isn't polluted with chemicals and that the ocean floor isn't being scraped just so we can eat some fish."

Sustainability is gauged by which species of fish is being caught or farmed, where it comes from and how it was harvested, said Shelly Benoit, FishWise executive director.

FishWise labels price tags with one of three color-coded tags indicating how sustainable the seafood is.

Green tags mean "best choices," those fish scientists say are being caught or harvested with the least impact on the ecosystem. They include wild salmon, sea-

bass, farmed oysters and Hemling's tilapia.

Yellow labels mean "proceed with caution." The fish populations are healthy but catch or farming methods may concern scientists. Among the yellow-tagged fish are sea scallops, long-line caught tunas and farmed shrimp.

Red-labeled seafood should be avoided, as those fish are considered unsustainable. Scientists say they are over-fished, often by methods destructive to eco-systems. Red-labeled fish include caviar, cod, farmed salmon and swordfish.

Labels also list where the fish was caught and by what method. Round labels affixed to the price tags explain which of the many methods of catch or farming were used to harvest the seafood.

Some fish, scientists agree, are best farmed while other should be caught wild, with sustainable methods.

Methods like dredging and trawling, often used to harvest shrimp, destroy natural habitat and reduces fish population, said Benoit, a Ph.D. candidate in Ocean

# Slot supporters abandon Prop. 68

■ Schwarzenegger's opposition played a role, coalition leader says

By John Simerman and Andrew LaMar  
STAFF WRITERS

Backers of Prop. 68 have pulled the plug on their free-spending campaign to force Indian casino tribes to cough up 25 percent of their revenue or lose their monopoly on Vegas-style gaming.

The decision follows public and internal polls that showed the ballot measure losing handily despite a massive TV ad campaign.

Racetracks and card clubs have spent \$24 million on a measure that, if it passes, would likely break the tribal grip on slot machines.

Their ads will stop airing on Saturday.

"We are taking our resources and funneling them elsewhere," said Rick Baedeker, president of Hollywood Park racetrack and chairman of the coalition backing Prop. 68.

The initiative will remain on the Nov. 2 ballot, but the move less than four weeks before Election Day spells a win for Indian gaming tribes that have fought, in court and now on the ballot, to defend the exclusive right to slot machines that voters gave them.

The decision to abort came, not coincidentally, as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger traveled to Irvine on Wednesday for the first in a series of town hall meetings to slam both Prop. 68 and Prop. 70.

The latter is a competing, In-

dian-backed measure that would grant tribes unlimited gaming on their lands in exchange for paying the corporate tax rate.

Schwarzenegger, who last week launched a radio ad campaign against both measures, argues that either measure would vastly expand gaming in California and destroy the deals he is cutting with tribes to wrest a "fair share" of gaming revenue for the state.

"All I can say is that the governor's opposition was surprising to us," said Baedeker. "I think it was a heavy influence, no question."

Prop. 68 backers have long feared that the governor's opposition would kill their measure while leaving no well-funded attack against Prop. 70.

Schwarzenegger's campaign plans to air TV ads against the two measures beginning next week. The governor issued a statement late Wednesday cheering the decision of Prop. 68 backers.

"The voters saw through this sham initiative and it had no chance of passing," he said. "The Proposition 68 campaign is in full retreat. My sights are now set squarely on Proposition 70."

Schwarzenegger will face a well-heeled campaign led by a few of the state's largest gaming tribes, which have spent more than \$22 million so far.

Prop. 70 supporters argue that their measure treats all tribes fairly, with the same revenue-sharing deal, rather than waiting for the governor to sign separate pacts with each tribe.

Opponents say it gave carte blanche on gaming to the tribes. "Prop. 68 is the real deal, and ways the goseur," said spokesman James Fish. "It can get down to asking or not we should have rate, or wait out a process and see how it

Polls have shown support for both measures searching for support.

A Los Angeles Times poll found that only 10 percent of likely voters favored Prop. 68 while 28 percent supported Prop. 70. The same Los Angeles Times poll found that 66 percent of registered voters approved of Schwarzenegger's performance.

Todd Harris, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger's campaign, said Prop. 68 backers "understand the prospect of wage and job creation" but Schwarzenegger is not one.

Baedeker said the California's racing industry employs 60,000 people without slot machines, giving a rapid expansion in gaming.

"This isn't about survival," he said.

more fish overall.

FishWise compared seafood sales during the six months before and after the program was implemented at five Santa Cruz stores using the labels. Consumers bought 22 percent more sustainable seafood when informed by the labels, said Benoit. She said red-labeled fish sales dropped 33 percent. Overall fish counter sales, which usually grow annually about 3 to 4 percent were up 9 percent.

That is music to Rex Lee's ears. Lee works for Pucci Fish, the East Bay company that supplies the Natural Grocery. Lee said Pucci has supplied sustainable fish for years and wouldn't have to find new fish sources. "In our line of business if we don't have any sustainable fish we won't have any business," he said.

The labels are only for education and will not affect fish prices, said FishWise and Natural Grocery Co. represents frozen wild salmon at \$15.99 per pound, tilapia goes for \$8.99.

Consumers might be surprised by the price of sustainable seafood prices are higher, said Sandkuhler. Prices might be double conventional grocery store prices. The difference is in the salmon at her store is Alaskan. "Most fish is farmed," said Sandkuhler. "Safeway is farmed salmon who knows where." On fishing season most farm-raised Atlantic side of wild Pacific varieties.

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## Mexican architecture reminiscent of East Bay

Over the years Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine have visited beautiful homes in the East Bay. A few homes built after the firestorm of 1991 have had the unique style of well-known Mexican architect, Luis Barragan.

The placement and juxtaposition of these striking exteriors creates exciting when seen from the interiors of his homes. Color is used on the walls for special effect or to excite certain moods. A wall might be painted blue to resemble the sky or to give an effect of sunlight. His homes are sumptuous in color and texture.

Recently, Sheila Sabine had the privilege of visiting a modern cubist home, heavily influenced by Barragan, in Tepoztlan, Mexico. The town is an unspoiled magical hideaway, nestled in a broad, lush valley sixty miles south of Mexico City.

It has always been a haven for artistic and spiritual pilgrims from around the world. It is surrounded by hills and massive outcroppings of beautiful rock formations, which are some of the oldest in Mexico and are associated with many ancient native legends. Sergio Link, an American architect and his brother, Paco, an internet designer, decided to build a country home on the outskirts of this mountain paradise.



JUDITH GLASS & SHEILA SABINE  
House Talk

Following many of Barragan's principles, they created a fantastic 5,000-square-foot modern cubist home. The house is actually situated on a pre-Hispanic terrace so that the construction of the house was deeply interwoven with the local topography, which was respected and enhanced.

Paco describes his creation as a low impact house designed to utilize as few outside resources as possible. Natural hewn lava rock was used for the interior walls of

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## Real Estate Spotlight:

### Beyond paradise!



6053 Skyline Blvd., Oakland

This exciting and dramatic home at the top of Montclair has glorious Bay views on a very private site. The home is filled with light streaming through beautiful arched windows into rooms with soaring ceilings and has panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Mt. Tamalpais from most rooms. There is a wonderful flow between indoor and outdoor space from the two decks and a patio. The kitchen opens to a gracious family room and a breakfast room. There is a loft above the kitchen, which can be used as a den or home office. The master bedroom suite has a fireplace and an elegant bathroom and a spacious walk-in closet. Watch the beautiful sunsets and the harvest moon rise over the Golden Gate Bridge! This home has three bedrooms and two and one half baths.

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## 'As Is' isn't always

more optimistic. After viewing the house and feeling it would work for them, they wrote contract number six. Unfortunately, three other couples had the same idea.

Despite multiple offers, and having learned from previous rejections, they bid high and it was accepted. As a condition, the seller's agent insisted the buyers sign a long "As Is" addendum, full of not often seen legalese. Undeterred, they signed. Thus began the next, stressful stage of their home buying journey.

### Few reports, many problems

Consistent with a majority of homes for sale, the seller's only in-

spection was a termite report. In fact, he had two because a buyer who backed out had ordered his own structural pest control inspection.

Not surprisingly, the two reports had different quotes for repairs. More significant were the numerous items that recommended "further inspections." This meant neither told the full story, i.e., the damage, and cost to repair it, was much greater than stated in either one.

Due to the lack of meaningful information, and the onerous "As Is" addendum, the buyers' agent urged them to have comprehensive inspections of all the major systems, including a third termite report. (See "As Is" Pointers," "Home Inspec-

tions" and "Not Just Termites" on my Web site, [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com).)

When all inspections were complete, the total for repairs was almost \$60,000. The termite report, with all areas now covered, was over \$26,000; the lowest estimate for a new roof was \$14,000; elec-

trical work to correct dangerous conditions came to \$6000; foundation and framing issues added another \$13,000. None of this included upgrading or remodeling; that would be in the future.

A list of such expensive problems would have been ample rea-

son for many buyers to withdraw, but not this couple! They loved the house and were encouraged by their Realtor to negotiate in spite of the seller's apparent resistance.

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DON DUNNING

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## Open houses have their benefits

■ What sellers should consider before saying "no" to an open house

HUMAN NEWS

Many sellers wonder if Sunday open houses are worth the inconvenience. Some complain that agents use open houses to pick up clients rather than to sell their home. Others worry about security. Do the rewards outweigh the risks?

Plenty of sellers have sold homes without ever having a public open house. However, many more sellers will admit that they actually found their home at a public open house. Public open houses provide additional market exposure that in some cases will result in a sale.

Those who resist the notion of open houses insist that serious buyers will make appointments to see the listing. But, most of today's buyers have to work in order to afford a home. Many of them can't take time off during the week to preview a new listing. Sunday open houses provide an easy way for buyers to catch up on the new inventory on their own.

Another factor to consider is that some buyers who may be on the fence about moving, or who aren't considering moving at all take the leap after seeing an exceptional property at a Sunday open house.

Recently a \$2 million property in the Oakland Hills in Northern California sold to a buyer who

wasn't in the market for a home. If the listing had not been held, open to the public, this sale probably wouldn't have occurred. Another two million dollar listing in Piedmont sold a year or so ago to buyers who walked into an open house. They weren't working with an agent, so they might never have seen the property had it not been held open.

You might think that these are the rare exceptions. But it's actually quite common for buyers to purchase a home they see at an open house, particularly when the market is active and there are more buyers than sellers. In this sort of market, buyers are usually out in force, canvassing open houses, searching for new listings.

There are certainly good reasons not to have an open house. If you have a house full of irreplaceable valuables, you might want to forego a public open house. Even though this may mean losing a buyer or two, this might be a reasonable trade-off for your peace of mind. If you're in favor of open houses, but have security concerns, ask your agent to bring a colleague to provide extra supervision.

Some buyers like to casually preview a property at an open house before taking it more seriously. This is particularly the case with a listing that has a defect, or one that isn't precisely what the buyers say they are looking for. For example, some buyers won't make an appointment to look at a listing that's on a busy street or



DIAN HYMAN  
House Hunter

up a lot of stairs. But buyers who wouldn't be making an appointment stop by to take a look. Sellers are surprised to find that a listing they thought wasn't worth considering

Good houses that "appeal" are prime candidates for Sunday open houses. Buyers who won't see a house that doesn't interest them from the street. There's a chance they'll look inside if it's easy to see on a Sunday afternoon.

A common complaint is that neighbors who are just coming through an open house. This is not necessarily bad thing. Neighbors who want to know what's going on in their neighborhood.

THE CLOSING: Open houses do potentially benefit sellers. But there is a serendipity involved in a sale business that you can't out on if your listing is only by appointment.

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## Be prepared for long-term care

Financially speaking, planning for your future entails a certain degree of foresight. It is hard to sit down right now and accurately predict exactly where you will be in ten years, twenty years, or even further down the road. And while looking ahead to the joys of travel and relaxation and other benefits that we

typically associate with retirement, it is easy to overlook unexpected events that may occur during that time — or even sooner.

When you think about building your nest egg, you probably have goals in mind for what you want to accumulate, and you may even have ideas on how you will spend

that money. But long-term care is probably one of the last things that comes to mind.

Unfortunately, more than a few of us will likely be affected in one way or another by a serious illness or injury that will require some form of long-term care. The prospect of depleting your hard-earned retirement funds to pay for such care is frightening. However, if you take the time now to plan ahead, you can be financially prepared should you ever find yourself facing this type of situation.

Long-term care refers to the assistance you may need as a result of a disability or a prolonged illness. It usually encompasses a broad range of supportive medical, personal and social services designed to help people who simply can't meet their basic needs to live independently for an extended period of time. This type of assistance can be given either in the home, or at a long-term care facility.

many days of arduous deliberations, the seller finally agreed to pay half and the escrow closed. The buyers' advantage was that their agent had extensive experience in handling just such a situation.

## Final thoughts

It is often not easy, but there are times when a seller will pay for deferred maintenance even if it was not his initial intention. This is more likely, as in this case, when the property has not had pre-sale inspections. See my article, "Pre-Sale Inspections" on my Web site.) A knowledgeable Realtor will help you determine when "As Is" isn't.

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## Dunning

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## Compromise is reached

After discussing and considering all options with their agent, the buyers instructed him to open a dialogue with the seller. They decided to continue with the contract only if the seller agreed to pay for at least half the repairs. To this end, they wrote a personal letter to him carefully explaining their position.

Having already prevailed over three competing bids, they knowingly put themselves in a precarious position by asking the seller to share the cost of repairs. They never would have paid such a high amount, however, had they known the extent of the damages. After



LEILA GOUGH  
Money Matters

Funding for long-term care can be expensive, depending on the length of time and the specifics of the type of care required. For these reasons, you should be careful to assess a variety of possibilities, and develop a plan that could cover different situations.

Here are three basic ways you can fund long-term care.

**Self Insurance** — If you have assets that can easily be converted to cash, you can plan for long-term care by setting aside a special fund just for that purpose. Investments such as an IRA or an annuity provide a means for money to accumulate until an illness occurs. The main advantage of insuring yourself this way is that the money will

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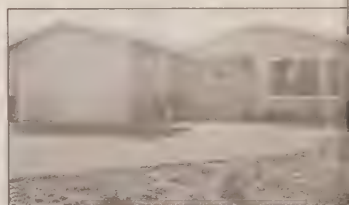
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# Making offers: An exciting time for owner, buyer, Realtors

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disco house for sale, marketed it, and a buyer was found. The sale closed and with it came an agreement for vacating the house.

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Our seller had gone through all of her records and receipts. Over



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hung by our stager and the inviting atmosphere she created.

A number of interested buyers requested disclosure packages and returned to see the house again.

One couple decided they weren't ready. Their present house would still need to be sold and there was a chance of a job transfer in the offing. Another group felt that too much remodeling would be necessary to make the house fit their needs.

So many hopes and prospects of so many people were involved in this house. The seller had physically moved but she will still be going through the process of letting go of her long-time home for some time to come. The people who wanted to buy the house, the ones who had looked at other houses and chosen this one, would be competing for it.

They'd talked to their agents about what price to offer, tried to take into account what work they'd need to do, and pay for, if they became the new owners. They'd estimated their new property taxes, consulted with their mortgage broker about loans. They thought long and hard about what it would feel like to live their lives in this house.

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Late in the evening of offer day, Anet and I talked of our experience with this house and this seller and with the woman who will be the next owner. We talked of large life changes and how they come about, and of how far reaching is this acquiring-living-leaving and passing along of a home.

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the almost 50 years she'd lived in the house, she'd had much up-grading and maintenance work performed. She documented the work and the quirks of the house in a lengthy written narrative, including information on everything from when the roof was put on and by whom, to an explanation of the five pilot lights on her vintage kitchen stove.

The seller's attention to detail was greatly appreciated by interested buyers and their agents who understood from it how well she had cared for her house.

We had hugely attended open houses. There were people everywhere in this large house. Many admired the original woodwork, the newly refinished wood floors, pretty outlooks. Also, the lacey curtains

## Sabine-Glass

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what is referred to as "the great room"—it is 75 feet long and 21 feet wide. Here one finds the kitchen, living room and dining room comfortably and spaciouly arranged with 13 doorways to access lower and upper patios.

The beamed ceilings and the windows are artfully placed to capture all the views of the rich and lush nature that surrounds the house, and the polished concrete floors are another use of natural material. The exterior paint was made from the local earth and mixed with nopal (prickly pear) juice, giving it a light rich terracotta color.

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There are extensive and abundant gardens where the Links have planted coffee, corn, squash, native beans, aguave plants, avocado, plum and many other trees and blooming flowers. They have learned everything from the local people who have a

deep and practical knowledge when it comes to planting and gardening. The house has astounding views of the mountains from all directions, adding to the ancient and inspiring quality of the environment.

The spirit of Luis Barragan continues in the East Bay and south of the border. This great architect said "in alarming proportions the following words have disappeared from architectural publications: beauty, inspiration, magic, serenity, mystery, silence

and astonishment. All of these qualities have found a loving home in my soul."

For further information regarding Casa Tepoztlan you may contact Paco Link at [el@pacolink.com](mailto:el@pacolink.com).

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## Gough

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be available for other purposes if you never need it for long-term care. On the other hand, the main setback of setting aside your own funds is the possibility of falling short in your savings, causing you to dip into other funds to pay for long-term care.

Also keep in mind that taking large distributions from an IRA could affect your income taxes. If you take it upon yourself to establish the funds, make sure you plan carefully so you will have enough if you need it.

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However you decide to prepare for your future health care needs, just be aware that you may eventually need the services of long-term care. Planning accordingly can help you avoid a financial disaster down the road.

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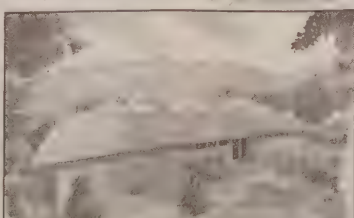
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## WEEKLY SALES

**WEEKLY SALES DID NOT RUN IN OUR OCT. 1 EDITIONS. THEY CAN BE FOUND IN THIS WEEK'S AUTO SECTION ON D6.**

## ALAMEDA

1441 6th St - \$525,000  
1535 9th St - \$719,000  
1854 9th St - \$610,000  
8 Bainbridge Sq - \$880,000  
418 Bryant Av - \$770,000  
1814 Buena Vista - \$663,000  
2015 Buena Vista - \$417,000  
3288 Central Av - \$474,000  
102 Chinaberry Ln - \$680,000  
1333 Crown Dr - \$703,000  
2 Dowitcher Ct - \$600,000  
2941 Fernside Bl - \$590,000  
3210 Fiji Ln - \$420,000  
918 Grand St - \$1,100,000  
5 Invincible Ct G3 - \$570,000  
1519 Lafayette St - \$680,000  
3025 Linda Vista - \$535,000  
3128 Marina Dr - \$595,000  
1908 Otis Dr - \$638,000  
135 Parfait Ln 15D - \$490,000  
2133 Santa Clara 321 - \$375,000  
1420 St. Charles St - \$710,000  
1333 Webster A101 - \$257,500  
1305 Webster C105 - \$210,000

## ALBANY

827 Cornell Av - \$595,000  
518 Kains Av 102 - \$395,000  
1025 Ordway St - \$825,000  
555 Pierce St 1043 - \$413,500

## BERKELEY

1613 Alcatraz Av - \$412,000  
1134 Blake St - \$535,000  
3330 California St - \$500,000  
1819 Carleton St - \$730,000  
1407 Channing Wy - \$435,000  
2946 Claremont Bl - \$1,425,000  
766 Cragmont Av - \$820,000  
1430 Dwight Wy - \$641,000  
1839 Dwight Wy - \$545,000  
1403 Fairview St - \$510,000  
1239 Glen Av - \$410,000  
1411 Hearst Av - \$265,000  
1119 Hillview Rd - \$705,000  
2239 Marin Av - \$815,000  
1332 Milvia St - \$590,000  
1543 Prince St - \$458,000  
2423 Roosevelt - \$807,000  
1415 Sacramento St - \$670,000

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## Crocker Highlands home tour this Sunday

■ The GRUBB Co. sponsors Sunday's exploration of romantic and picturesque homes

The GRUBB Co. and the Oakland Heritage Alliance invite you to visit romantic and picturesque 1920s homes in the Oakland neighborhood of Highlands. The tour, from noon to 5 p.m., features eight Period Revival homes—distinguished by their high-quality and careful craftsmanship—show the influences of Tudor, Arts and Crafts, Colonial and Mediterranean styles.

The houses on this year's tour are located in Crocker Highlands, above Lakeshore Avenue and bordering the City of Piedmont. The tour is set in a "residential park" setting that the "garden suburbs" movement in England inspired in the early 20th century. "Participants are invited to join us in a beautiful, cascading garden for refreshments and a traditional OHA punch," said Mary MacDonald, tour coordinator.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of tour, and \$20 for OHA members. Tickets will be available on tour day at the tour location at Lakeshore Avenue and Longridge Road (Lakeshore between Glen Road and Mandana Boulevard). To learn more, call 510-763-9218 or e-mail info@oaklandheritage.org.

## Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

## FOR THE PUBLIC

## Advantage

Learn how much home you can afford at "Buying Your First Home". The free seminar is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Oakland City Center Wells Fargo Bank. Receive a free credit report. Make a reservation with presenters, "Your Home Team Advantage" (a group of professionals from home mortgage, insurance, title and Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors) by calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

## Mysteries

Be like Sherlock Holmes and attend this seminar, "Solving The Mysteries Of Homebuying" is 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. The class will solve "mysteries" such as financing and affordable home selection. Also covered is a program that allows for no down payment. Learn with **Ralph Peterson** of Vintage Mortgage and **Kendra Augusts** of Coldwell Banker Realty. Call (888) 485-0397 x76.

## First Home

Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland", in the Montclair district of Oakland. This free seminar is 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Enjoy a light breakfast and prizes. RSVP to Michael Garza at 510-899-6368.

## Help

Homeownership help is out there. Many cities conduct programs for first time homebuyers. Down payment and closing cost assistance is possible as long as funds are available. To find out what your city offers check with your nearest Realtor. **Everyone**

**Karen Ward** of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany teaches several workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop is reviews the loan process and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is

for first-time buyers. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on homebuying addressed in "womanspeak". For workshop dates call 510-718-2134.

## Treasure

Step back in time, at The Meyers House & Garden, an 1897 treasure. It was designed by Henry H. Meyers in the Colonial Revival style, a period that was popular at the turn of the century. This home has become Alameda's first and only house museum. Visit on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1 to 4 p.m., call for House Tours costs and information at 510-521-1247.

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Consumers can get one-stop service on the Prudential California Realty website. You can be pre-approved for a loan, obtain relocation help and get selling tips. Check it out at [www.PruRealty.com](http://www.PruRealty.com).

## Measure A

Mark your calendars. The

Alameda Association is planning the Autumn Annual Inform Luncheon. The date is Thursday, Oct. 21. The topic for discussion is Measure A. Watch this column for more details. The public is always welcome at the Inform.

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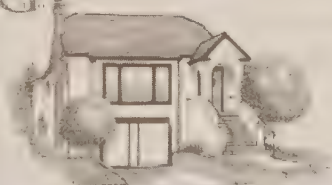


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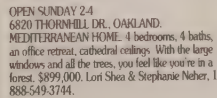
**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**  
17153 PRESIDENT DR., CASTRO VALLEY. SPACIOUS HOME. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large family room, a large deck with view & a spa in the covered patio. \$619,000. Mary Ann Herber, 510-568-2040.



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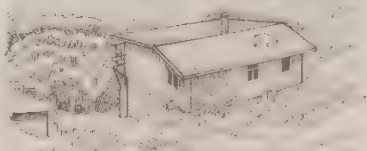
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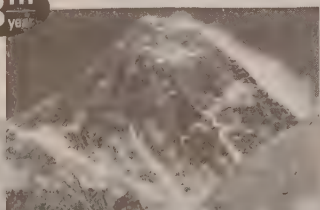
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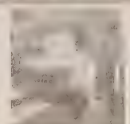
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Novato

High atop a hill overlooking Indian Valley, this architectural masterpiece is situated on 2+ acres. 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, separate wing ideal for home office, au pair, or master suite. \$1,600,000



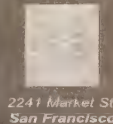
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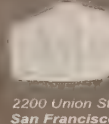
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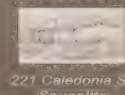


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## Tarpoiff

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One couple who did make an offer brought their three young children to our Sunday open house, delightful, well-mannered kids, who chose their favorite rooms and asked their parents if, when they lived there, they could all camp together in the lower level family room.

For a week this family dreamed and planned of moving into this house. Sadly, there can be only one buyer for any house, and although they did everything in their power to make the house theirs, it went to someone else.

The offerors, guided by their agents, read and signed a stack of papers almost an inch thick. They asked questions, they listened and made notes and willingly became acquainted with amazingly varied data on federal, state and local ordinances and practices.

We put timers on lamps so there would be lights on at night, sent a repairman at the last minute to secure a screen door, wire-brushed the rust off of the classic fireplace tools.

The stager washed down the concrete patio, hung mirrors, shopped for the right lamp for the room with no overhead light.

The would-be buyers wrote letters to the seller telling her why they wanted this particular house, offering assurance that they would respect and enjoy its old beauty.

And now, late in the evening of offer day, Anet and I talked of our experience with this house and this seller and with the woman who will be the next owner. We talked of large life changes and how they come about, and of how far reaching is this acquiring-leaving-leaving and passing along of a home.

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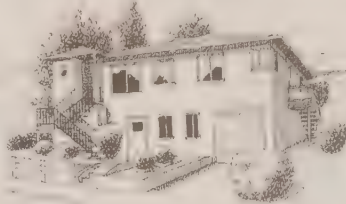
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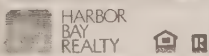
### 834 Kearney, El Cerrito



2 BD, 1 BA Bungalow  
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**525 Colusa, Berkeley**  
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**Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12, \$890,000**



**191 Oak Road, Piedmont**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
New Listing! Blend of old world warmth and modern livability, this 3+ bdrm, 2 bath home located on a peaceful cul de sac, steps away from stately Davie Tennis Stadium. Open floor plan and skylights bathe living areas with a lovely glow even on the gloomiest days. Lrg downstairs office can easily serve as 4th bdrm. Cheerful kit and baths updated. Woodsy, private patio perfect for entertaining.  
**Barbara Conheim 524-9888 x22, \$799,000**



**1500 Grant Street, Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00**  
New Listing! Pride of ownership. Classic fourplex in mint condition! Freshly painted outside, parking lot and roof resurfaced, top two units just renovated. Great location! Lovingly maintained over the years by same family, easy to rent.  
**Jean Auka 524-9888 x16, \$735,000**



**1668 Euclid (at Virginia), Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00**  
New Listing! Quaint and charming redwood cottage in a grove of tall trees. 2 bdms, 1 bath. Fireplace, wood flrs, large rear deck. Ideal location just moments from campus and the Gourmet Ghetto - Andronico's, The Cheese Board, Black Oak Books, Cher Panisse.  
**Peter Damm 524-9888 x13, \$448,000**



**1730 Highland Pl. #1, Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
New Listing! 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom unit in the desirable North Berkeley Oaktops complex. Hwd floors, fireplace in living room, and floor-to-ceiling windows which provide wonderful light and a wooded outlook. Just blocks from the U.C. Berkeley campus and the Euclid Ave. shops and cafes.  
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Florida fun is the National Association of Realtors theme for 2004. The Realtors Conference & Expo, "Take It To A New Level" is Nov. 5 to 8, in Orlando. Go to [www.Realtor.org/Conference](http://www.Realtor.org/Conference).

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Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites

Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 14, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

# RENEWAL

■ The Oakland Association of Realtors offers a DRE license renewal class, Thursday, Oct. 14, at the OAR Auditorium. Earn 45 hours and be tested. Call Mary at 510-836-3000.

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## RENEWAL

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### BERKELEY



**1306 3RD ST. \$1,300,000**  
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**6815 BRISTOL DR. \$1,149,000**  
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### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT AVE.



**33 GLEN EDEN AVE. \$689,000**  
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## "e-BUYER"

The Real Estate Buyer's Agency Council of the National Association

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## WHO?

■ Kathryn Hill, co-broker of Thornwall Properties in Berkeley spends her winters in Yelapa, Mexico near Puerto Vallarta. She offers her expertise to Realtors and clients seeking rentals or purchases in the area. Visit with her via e-mail [YelapaKathryn@yahoo.com](mailto:YelapaKathryn@yahoo.com) or phone at 011-52-322-209-5087. In the spring she migrates back to Berkeley. ■ Berkeley-based Realtor Ira Serkes of RE/Max Executive is well

known as a computer guru. This qualified Serkes to be featured at the CAR Tech Tuesday kick-off. Congrats Ira!

## WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event.

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4+3+ - Located on a tree-lined cul-de-sac, this country-style home features tastefully remodeled kitchen, formal dining & living rooms, hardwood floor, large rear yard & deck.  
69 San Mateo Road Open 2-4:30



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601 Kains Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$898,000**  
3+2 - Handsome, Tudor style home in the North Berkeley hills, situated on a double lot surrounded by beautiful vegetation with Bay views. Extra space in the lower level.  
486 Michigan Avenue Open 2-4:30



**BERKELEY \$696,000**  
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660 Hilldale Avenue Open 3-7



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2+1 - Beautiful home with fireplace and hardwood floors. Full basement, large attic for expansion. More at [www.redoakrealty.com](http://www.redoakrealty.com).  
1333 Holman Road Open 2-4



**RICHMOND - NEW LISTING! \$439,000**  
3/2.5 - Spacious, two stories with family room, cherry hardwood floors, great kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Yard, balcony, more.  
938 Sonoma Street Open 2-4:30



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$395,000**  
2/1 - Condo in 1995 elevator building with deck. Hill/Bay views. Decorator finishes, covered off-street parking. More: [www.justsellmyhouse.com](http://www.justsellmyhouse.com).  
2029 Channing Way 4A Open 2-4:30



**BERKELEY \$598,888**  
3/2 - Spacious North Berkeley Craftsman on a large lot. Updated and in move-in condition, fresh paint inside and out. Detached double garage.  
1654 Lincoln Street Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND \$449,000**  
2+2 - More than a starter. Plus room is perfect for kids room or home office. New roof, new heating and partially replaced foundation.  
3545 Redding Street Open 2-4

**EL CERRITO \$498,000**  
2/1 - Charming one-level bungalow. Living room with built-ins, formal dining room, large sunny kitchen with nook opens to large deck and yard. Detached garage.  
809 Everett Street Open 2-4:30

**BERKELEY \$529,000**  
2/1 - Cute Central Berkeley bungalow with rear 1/1 in-law cottage with enclosed backyard. Close to Berkeley Bowl and BART. Great home + income.  
1624 Ward Street Open 1-4

**BERKELEY \$545,000**  
2/1 - Maximum privacy, fabulous A-frame cabin in the woods! Like a soaring-ceiling country lodge. Sylvan wonderland with spectacular Bay view on a large lot. Must see!  
1167 Keith Avenue Open Noon - 4

**SAN LEANDRO - NEW! \$429,000**  
2/1 - One of a kind Art Deco home, lovingly cared for and all ready for the next owners. Open floorplan, hardwood floors, fresh paint, great yard, new appliances. A super house.  
2112 Bancroft Avenue Open 2-4

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3/1+ - Mira Vista charmer with stunning Mt. Tam views. Hardwood floors, stone fireplace, 2-car garage, landscaped yard. Close to BART.  
2417 Edwards Avenue Open 2-4:30

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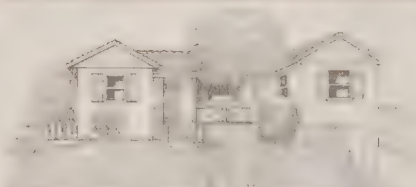


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693 Santa Rosa Av - \$967,000  
1338 Talbot Av - \$625,000  
1143 The Alameda - \$1,180,000  
620 The Alameda - \$1,390,000  
1325 Walnut St - \$725,000

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418 Lexington Av - \$467,000  
833 Lexington Av - \$900,000  
850 Lexington Av - \$430,000  
1751 Liberty St 301 - \$375,000  
7425 Mooser Ln - \$500,000  
109 Pomona Av - \$597,000  
5850 Ray St - \$548,000  
1375 Rifle Range - \$1,900,000  
7330 Stockton Av - \$585,000

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1072 Allview Av - \$403,000

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4104 Barranca Av - \$354,000  
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857 Fulton Wy - \$405,000  
403 Joan Vista St - \$292,000  
3954 La Cresenta - \$358,000  
947 Manor Rd - \$390,000  
4016 Marion Wy - \$430,000  
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5440 SP Dam Rd - \$507,000  
5586 SP Dam Rd - \$410,000

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8 Admiral Dr A237 - \$245,000  
9 Commodore A106 - \$295,000  
2 Commodore D283 - \$385,000  
61 Emery Bay - \$416,000  
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1238 102nd Av - \$310,000  
924 107th Av - \$425,000  
1606 15th Av - \$250,000  
1919 16th Av - \$475,000  
2633 22nd Av - \$315,000  
2346 23rd Av - \$350,000  
832 29th St - \$435,000  
1210 32nd St - \$380,000  
702 33rd St - \$475,000  
685 34th St - \$280,000  
3216 35th Av - \$380,000  
3824 39th Av B - \$290,000  
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446 60th St - \$525,000  
681 62nd St - \$635,000  
1494 68th St - \$295,000  
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1084 72nd Av - \$270,000

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1038 76th Av - \$283,000  
2665 77th Av - \$259,000

1315 78th Av - \$268,000  
2687 78th Av - \$360,000  
2718 79th Av - \$283,500  
1660 80th Av - \$295,000  
1185 84th Av - \$407,000  
1221 88th Av - \$390,000  
2027 8th Av - \$700,000

2327 90th Av - \$300,000  
1807 92nd Av - \$300,000  
2234 92nd Av - \$300,000  
1364 93rd Av - \$360,000  
1841 94th Av - \$280,000

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## RICHMOND ANNEX • EL CERRITO BORDER

2818 Carlson Blvd. • OPEN SUN. 2-4



## House + Studio

- 2bd/1ba house
- New studio with full bath
- Two car garage
- Near El Cerrito Plaza, BART, Ranch 99 Market, etc.
- New kitchen, baths, roofs, furnaces, heater
- New fence, garage door with opener, sprinklers

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★ ★ Open House - Sunday, October 10, 2004 1-5pm ★ ★3+ Bedrooms/ 2 Baths  
477 61st

Offered at \$610,000

## Remodeled 2-story Home in Lower Rockridge

Room to spread out, great separation of space, remodeled with style and quality - Your new home in lower Rockridge is all this and more. This sunny home features 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths, a traditional floorplan upstairs, a bit of excitement downstairs. Upstairs you find the tradition of a great bungalow with a remodeled eat-in kitchen that opens to a quiet deck overlooking the garden. A formal living room w/fireplace and formal dining room, 2 bedrooms, a full bath, hardwood floors and nice architectural touches complete the picture. Downstairs is a wonderful surprise. Designed and built for the current owner as a master bedroom retreat. There is room for a bedroom, home office/den, master bathroom w/ Jacuzzi tub, huge walk-in closet, and a spacious 2nd kitchen area. This wonderful space opens through glass doors right to the garden. Privacy and flexibility are essential design elements of this space. If you have dreamed of a pied-à-terre close to everything you love about Rockridge, then this could be your space. Your new home is located in Lower Rockridge and is still close to everything - including all the great shops and restaurants on College Ave. BART, AC Transit, Casual Carpooling to SF, Freeways, and easy access to all the major work places makes commuting from this home a snap. The neighborhood school and the toddler park just 2 blocks away are truly gems and great places for kids. Coffee is available almost on tap, what could be better?!

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Open Homes



## Kensington \$689,000

Sleek, stylish view home. Wonderfully spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with elegant master suite, random-plank hardwood floors, ultra-modern kitchen, and incredible bay views. Charming courtyard with brick patio and garden.

200 Willamette Ave.  
Todd Hodson  
Open Sun 2-4  
559-2915



## Oakland \$649,000

Sunfilled 2-story 1929 French country farmhouse. Beam ceilings, formal dining room. Three bedrooms, two baths, master suite with office. Two-car garage. Just seven minutes to Rockridge BART.

6207 Crown Ave.  
Ann Arriola Plant  
Open Sun 2-4  
527-2700x27



## Berkeley \$625,000

Charming vacant Berkeley duplex. Spacious studio unit downstairs. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs, with new deck. Fireplace, hardwood floors, freshly painted inside & out! Many upgrades. Close to campus & BART

1712 M. L. K. Jr. Way  
Mendee Carter  
Open Sun 2-4  
527-2700x39



## Berkeley

Exciting large level-in space - 1700 sq ft. Perfect for artist, architects, small business - live/work loft.

2709 10th St.  
Ann Arriola Plant

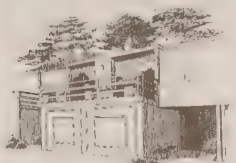


1577 Solano Avenue  
Berkeley CA 94707  
(510) 527-2700

7502 Fairmount Avenue  
El Cerrito CA 94530  
(510) 527-3111

289 Arlington Avenue,  
Kensington CA 94707  
(510) 524-0800

147 W Richmond Avenue,  
Pt. Richmond CA 94801  
(510) 231-1640



## Oakland \$599,000

Easy & Exciting. Private setting, sun-filled rooms, great for entertaining 2+ bedrooms, 2+ baths. 7 minutes to BART.

79 Clarewood Lane  
Ann Arriola Plant  
Open Sun 2-4  
527-2700x27



## Richmond \$529,000

Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. In move-in condition with many upgrades! Bright & airy living room/dining room. Newer paint in and out. Newer roof. Close to shops, public transit & freeway.

1244 S. 57th St.  
Nic Tang  
Open Sun 2-4  
559-2918



## El Cerrito \$499,000

Prime location and many upgrades! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath split-level home has lovely hardwood floors, new roof, new exterior paint, new wood-burning stove, more! Close to Solano Ave. and Plaza BART.

300 Ramona Ave.  
Te Everson  
559-2926



## Richmond Annex

Nifty side-by-side units in the Richmond Annex duplex. Each unit is two bedrooms/one bath and in good condition. New roof, great location, off-street parking.

5429/31 Panama Ave.  
Joan Underwood



## Richmond Annex \$410,000

Cute two-bedroom home in wonderful neighborhood - close to everything! Large, pleasant kitchen, newer roof, attached laundry porch, one-car detached garage. Large back yard.

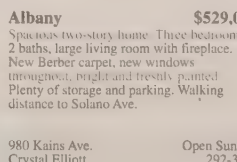
5814 Sacramento Ave.  
Joan Underwood  
Open Sun 2-4  
559-2911



## Richmond N&amp;E \$399,000

Affordable, comfortable, and convenient! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Bright and airy dining room/family room combo. Hardwood floors and some dual-paneled windows. Close to shops and transportation.

752 Wilson Ave.  
Nic Tang  
Open Sun 2-4  
559-2918



## Albany \$529,000

Spacious two-story home. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room with fireplace. New Berber carpet, new windows throughout, bright and freshly painted. Plenty of storage and parking. Walking distance to Solano Ave.

980 Kains Ave.  
Crystal Elliott  
Open Sun 2-4  
292-3041



## Oakland

New listing! A charming Victorian circa 1901, complete with a gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, bedrooms and detached garden. Call this property @ www.kathieberg.com

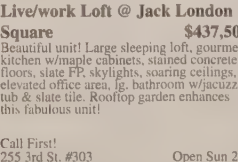
1632 12th Ave.  
Kathie Berg



## Richmond View \$379,900

Great opportunity! Fantastic starter home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and non-conforming plus room & full bath. Extra-deep level yard perfect for entertaining. Enclosed covered deck adds extra space. Easy freeway access.

860 Amador St.  
Darrell Hoth  
Open Sun 2-4  
292-3040



## Live/work Loft @ Jack London Square \$437,500

Beautiful unit! Large sleeping loft, gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets, stained concrete floors, state FP, skylights, soaring ceilings, elevated office area, lg. bathroom w/jacuzzi tub & slate tile. Rooftop garden enhances this fabulous unit!

Call First!  
255 3rd St. #303  
Call Richard Morrison  
Open Sun 2-4  
915-0702



## El Cerrito \$370,000

Cozy one-bedroom bungalow in desirable neighborhood. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, backyard waiting for your green thumb. Close to BART, shopping, schools. Move in and make it your own!

1325 Everett St.  
Laura Dubinet  
Open Sun 2-4  
559-2917



## El Sobrante

Bright & sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath with bonus room. Hardwood floors, skylights. Beautiful front & rear yard with deck. Huge park-like back yard with redwood trees!

755 Renfrew Road  
Meridee Carter

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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide starting on page B20.

## COMING SOON



### Piedmont

Prime 5+ bedroom contemporary located on a quiet cul-de-sac. Extensively remodeled, fabulous cook's kitchen, open floor plan, lots of space, au pair suite, 2 family rooms, lovely canyon view & creekside setting.

Offered at \$1,885,000

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Open Sunday 1-4

### 2517 Tamalpais Ave., El Cerrito

Stunning location, privacy, elegance and original detail can be found in this updated four bedroom, three bath classic Mira Vista home. The large formal dining room is perfect for entertaining, the master suite with fireplace is a retreat, the granite and tile kitchen is a joy to work in. A most convenient location to shopping, schools and BART.

\$839,000

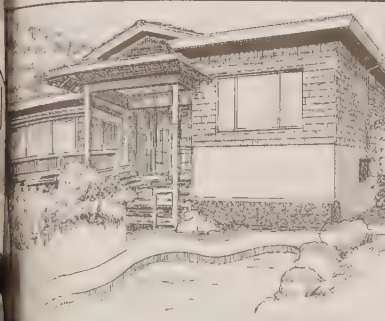
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### Montclair - Piedmont side

5926 Wood Drive

\$795,000

### Open Sun., Oct. 10

2 - 4:30 pm

3BD/2.5 BA. Tranquil Japanese designer home with pool. Bay view, backyard Koi pond. Great location. Hardwood floors. 2 car garage w/inside access. In a secluded, private lane setting.

For more information please call:

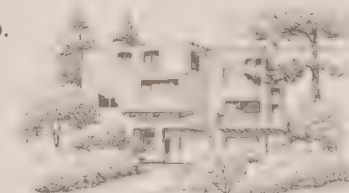
Michael Gallagher

510.899.6329

www.5926Wood.com



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### 6788 Armour Drive, Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Sophisticated contemporary with panoramic Bay and SF city views from virtually every room. Tastefully remodeled throughout. Three plus bedrooms, two and one half baths including an updated master suite. Chef's kitchen with adjoining family room. Attached garage with interior access.

Offered at \$825,000



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## BY APPOINTMENT

**Berkeley** \$7,250,000  
Mansion 9 BR 4.5 BA This home  
listed on the California Historical  
Register. The estate includes second  
house with 3BR/3BA, 2 guest cottages &  
this court.  
Kim & Barbara Marienthal

## OPEN HOUSES



**Piedmont** \$2,750,000  
Wildwood Gardens Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 2.5 BA Charming & private in  
prime location. Remodeled kitchen,  
family rm, 3 fireplaces, study.  
Carol Andersen & Carol Brown

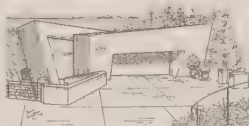


**Piedmont** \$2,450,000  
3 Farragut Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30  
BR 4.5 BA Dramatic contemporary on  
one of Piedmont's finest streets spacious  
owners light & open.  
Karen Lum



**Laremont Hills** \$2,250,000  
99 Gravatt Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
BR 4.5 BA Phil Perkins design.  
Beautiful new construction, gourmet  
level court yard great master.  
Joan Lancaster & Joan Duffield

## OPEN HOUSES



**Oakland** \$1,850,000  
6343 Skyline Blvd. Sun 2 - 4  
4 BR 3.5 BA Open flr plan, gran cnts,  
quality materials & craftsmanship used.  
3 lvs w/bay views.  
Rita Zwerdling

**Upper Rockridge** \$1,350,000  
264 Sheridan Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30  
6 BR 4 BA Fantastic house w/flexible  
spaces. Mstr BR w/den & 2-way FP. 2 jr  
suites, fam rm & more!  
Nancy Maloney



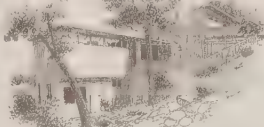
**Piedmont Side of Montclair** \$1,190,000  
5801 Harbord Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 3 BA Fab. Architecture-mid  
century modern w/den & office. Great  
decks for indoor/outdoor living.  
Donna Conroy & Karyn Miller



**Upper Oakmore** \$1,055,000  
1980 Rosecrest Sun 1 - 5  
4 BR 3 BA Fab. Architecture-mid  
century modern w/den & office. Great  
decks for indoor/outdoor living.  
Donna Conroy & Karyn Miller

## OPEN HOUSES

**Oakland Hills** \$998,000  
4700 Shetland Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 4.5 BA Huge price reduction, same  
great house. New constr. Fab quality,  
gourmet kit, lavish mstr suite.  
David Eckert



**Piedmont** \$995,000  
30 Echo Ln. Sun 1 - 4  
3 BR 3 BA Bonus & fam rms, fabulous  
bay view. Contemporary! Lovely  
meditative wooded garden retreat.  
Vicky Faulk



**El Cerrito** \$895,000  
944 Arlington Blvd. Sun 2 - 4  
4 BR 3 BA Enjoy bay views from this  
renovated, light filled Mediterranean.  
FR/au pair, gar, yrd.  
Kim & Barbara Marienthal

**Glenview** \$895,000  
1000 Hollywood Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30  
Gracious 5BR/3+BA, elegant fnl rm,  
library, updated kitchen, au pair, lovely  
arch detail & yd.  
Rachel Baller



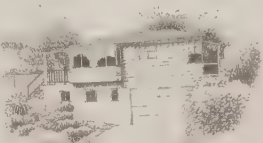
**Montclair** \$875,000  
6641 Woodland Place Sun 1 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Big Bay View! Nice  
in/outdoor living; open design to frame  
view. HWF, FP, 2 car gar; fruit trees.  
Jeffrey Needleman

## OPEN HOUSES

**Crocker Highlands** \$779,000  
670 Arimo Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 1.5 BA New List! Home Sweet  
Home for 3 generations! Gurnwood  
details, HWF/inlaid border. Nr. shops.  
Claudia Bowman

**Sequoiah Heights** \$749,000  
247 Sequoyah View Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 3 BA Classic ranch style home. A  
perfect balance of comfort &  
convenience. 2 master suites.  
Gary Robinson

**Montclair** \$729,000  
7 Buckley Ct. Sun 2 - 5  
3BR 2BA All level living on a cul-de-sac!  
So. Bay views, patio & yrd, att. garage &  
more! Special!  
Donna Conroy



**Montclair** \$715,000  
1736 Gouldin Road Sun 2 - 5  
2+ BR 2 BA Spacious & light filled  
w/open floor plan. Updated kitchen &  
baths. Family rm.  
Darcy Diamantine

**El Sobrante** \$675,000  
221 Pamela Ct. Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 3 BA Features include 2 frpcls,  
pool, 1BR/1BA, Au-Pair unit w/frpcls, 2-  
car garage, fruit trees & views!  
Gregg P. Lustig

**Montclair** \$635,000  
6650 Armour Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Contemp. retreat w/lovely  
canyon vistas. Updated kit & baths. Plus  
rm, den, lush deck area  
Donna Conroy

## OPEN HOUSES

**Oakland** \$595,000  
903 44th St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
Near Oak/Emeryville border. Vacant  
3+BR upper, lower 2BR tenant-occupied.  
New appliances.  
L. Nayo



**Oakland** \$439,000  
4242 Mountain Blvd. Sun 1 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Light/bright bungalow frm  
dining rm eat-in-kitchen hwd flrs,  
yards/patio, sweet condition!  
Victor Ratto

**Laurel** \$399,000  
2407 Carmel St. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Charming Laurel District  
bungalow with potential awaits a facelift  
and renovation.  
Dan Joy

**San Pablo** \$349,000  
1675 Hillcrest Rd. Sun 1 - 4  
VACANT LOT. Nearly one acre in San  
Pablo Hills/extraordinary views of the  
Bay Bridge and City.  
Michelle Holm

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6137 La Salle Avenue, Oakland



## Sales

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1271 95th Av - \$300,000  
 398 Adams 203 - \$275,000  
 532 Aileen St - \$600,000  
 280 Athol Av - \$482,000  
 1466 Auson St - \$250,000  
 3840 Beaumont - \$651,000  
 5363 Boyd Av - \$710,000  
 1817 Bridge Av - \$320,000  
 3819 Brighton Av - \$530,000  
 4006 Brighton Av - \$565,000  
 5340 B'way Tr 308 - \$425,000  
 6309 B'way Tr - \$635,000  
 5340 B'way Trail 301 - \$525,000  
 2856 Brookdale Av - \$390,000  
 4408 Brookdale Av - \$380,000  
 9121 Burr St - \$668,000  
 10424 Byron Av - \$325,000  
 9633 C St - \$425,000  
 280 Caldecott 112 - \$428,000  
 260 Caldecott 226 - \$329,000  
 320 Caldecott 316 - \$320,000  
 320 Caldecott 331 - \$442,000  
 3039 California St - \$460,000  
 462 Capricorn Av - \$680,000  
 17 Captains Cv - \$850,000  
 780 Carleton Av - \$615,000  
 4007 Carrington St - \$370,000  
 316 Caswell Av - \$283,000  
 6031 Chaboly Tr - \$803,000  
 6610 Chelton Dr - \$780,000  
 3931 Clarke St - \$650,000  
 6605 Colton Bl - \$750,000  
 2688 Coolidge Av - \$550,000  
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 1955 Courland - \$449,000  
 460 Crescent St - \$275,000  
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 9833 D St - \$325,000  
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 908 East 18th St - \$410,000  
 1801 East 21st St - \$400,000  
 2461 East 22nd St - \$375,000  
 1640 East 32nd St - \$449,000  
 6812 Eastlawn St - \$322,000  
 3141 Eastman Av - \$250,000  
 3901 Edenvale Pl - \$455,000  
 4760 El Centro Av - \$680,000  
 146 Eldridge Av - \$320,000  
 425 Elwood Av - \$710,000  
 6421 Flora St - \$325,000  
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 2781 Garden St - \$445,000  
 3318 Georgia St - \$370,000  
 2542 Grande Vista - \$375,000  
 458 Gravatt Dr - \$1,150,000  
 66 Gregory Pl - \$692,000  
 1916 Harrington - \$315,000  
 6672 Heartwood - \$720,000  
 2530 Highland Av - \$325,000  
 341 Hunter Av - \$265,000  
 8115 Idlewood St - \$319,000  
 551 Jean St 415 - \$235,000  
 5453 Kales Av - \$530,000  
 3251 Kansas St - \$455,000  
 5957 Keith Av - \$635,000  
 1 Kelton Ct 8J - \$316,000  
 3000 Kingsland - \$459,000  
 3555 Klamath - \$1,350,000  
 1 Lakeside 1203 - \$545,000  
 1 Lakeside 1911 - \$735,000

1 Lakeside 204 - \$297,000  
 1 Lakeside 214 - \$530,000  
 1 Lakeside 417 - \$347,000  
 1 Lakeside 504 - \$370,000  
 1 Lakeside 515 - \$355,000  
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 3884 Loma Vista - \$370,000  
 619 Longridge Rd - \$722,500  
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 6150 Outlook Av - \$547,000  
 7200 Outlook Av - \$390,000  
 10883 Packard St - \$365,000  
 2420 Palmetto St - \$275,000  
 4044 Panama Ct - \$590,000  
 2530 Parker Av - \$380,000  
 2005 P Valley Av 101 - \$385,000  
 8425 Plymouth St - \$259,000  
 3704 Rhoda Av - \$785,000  
 55 Ross Cr - \$925,000  
 10378 Royal Oak - \$645,000  
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 688 Santa Ray Av - \$555,500  
 8205 Skyline Cr - \$890,000  
 8257 Skyline Cr - \$855,000  
 8278 Skyline Cr - \$870,000  
 15 Southwood Ct - \$825,000  
 6900 Spencer St - \$285,000  
 8011 Sunkist Dr - \$435,000  
 8118 Sunkist Dr - \$413,000  
 6366 Sunnymere - \$395,000  
 2654 Sunset Av - \$377,000  
 8151 Surrey Ln - \$703,000  
 3542 Suter St - \$600,000  
 4224 Suter St - \$404,000  
 5537 Taft Av - \$900,000  
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 6344 Thornhill Dr - \$663,000  
 1550 Tucker St 38 - \$450,000  
 500 Vernon St 218 - \$385,000  
 360 Vernon St 311 - \$282,500  
 85 Vernon St - \$230,000  
 2163 Vicksburg Av - \$335,000  
 3 W E'cadero 232 - \$254,000  
 3208 West St - \$410,500  
 3916 Whittle Av - \$580,000  
 4160 Whittle Av - \$673,000  
 7940 Winthrop St - \$490,500  
 3318 Wisconsin St - \$700,000  
 22 Wood Ct - \$1,625,000

3828 Woodruff - \$631,000

## Piedmont

227 Park View Av - \$700,000  
 161 Ronada Av - \$748,000

## Richmond

744 14th St - \$264,000  
 544 19th St - \$296,000  
 1817 1st St - \$315,000  
 535 22nd St - \$430,000  
 1527 27th St - \$340,000

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 by virtue of becoming  
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 new sink, a spa, or a chandelier.

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 buying, you should make use of  
 this space. Do not assume  
 curtains, satellite discs, antennas  
 or fireplace equipment convey  
 with the house. You should also  
 make it very clear what you don't  
 want left on the property. If you  
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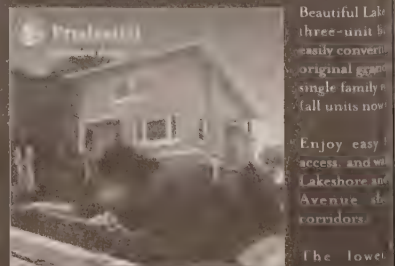


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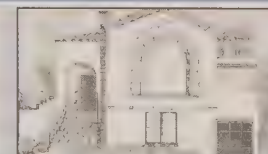
**Sunday 2-4** \$1,100,000  
44 Wildwood, Piedmont. A Winner!  
5BR/3BA prairie-style. New kitchen, FR,  
formal DR.  
Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900



**Sunday 1-4** \$839,000  
2517 Tarnalpais, El Cerrito. Beautiful  
4BR/3BA classic custom 1941. Formal DR,  
mstr suite, granite kit, hwd flrs, FP, big lot.  
Carol Heath-Kim (510) 527-9800



**Sunday 2-4:30** \$799,000  
5830 Clover. Rare 1-level Rockridge gem!  
Garden, close to BART. 3BR/2BA.  
Julie Lehman (510) 845-0211



**Sunday 1-4** \$629,000  
914 Glendome Circle, Oakland. Stunning  
Mediterranean 2+BR/2BA. Hwd floor, FDR,  
FP, bonus rooms.  
Anita Becker (510) 868-1400



**Sunday 2-4:30** \$530,000  
5915 Colby, Oakland. Darling 2BR/1BA  
Craftsman in Rockridge! + yard!  
Nancy Hinkley (510) 428-0900

### Piedmont

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,295,000  
157 Hagar Ave. Old fashioned 3+BR/3BA.  
Huge view, light & space.  
Cindy Fleming (510) 428-0900

**4BR/2BA Home** \$799,000  
357 MacArthur Blvd. 4BR/2BA home plus a  
cottage w/potential drwy for 3-5 cars.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,195,000  
321 Sheridan. 4BR/3BA w/flexible, single  
level floor plan.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$699,000  
Montclair Village area. Charming  
3BR/2.5BA, large yard.  
Barbara Levy (510) 845-0211

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$990,000  
494 Boulevard Way. 4+BR/2BA home  
w/upgrades + charm.  
Carol Arnold (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$650,000  
5701 Harbord. Handsome 3BR/2BA  
traditional near Montclair Village.  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$899,000  
1327 Grand Ave., Piedmont. Large price  
reduction! 4BR/1.5BA Craftsman.  
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**Sunday 2-4** \$650,000  
4401 Malcolm Ave. 1/3 acre. 3BR/2BA.  
Samantha McDowell (510) 337-8670

**Sunday 2-4** \$769,000  
91 Ramona. Gleaming 3BR/2BA. LR w/FP,  
formal DR, hwd flrs, garage, bsmt.  
Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$465,000  
2316 94th Ave. 2 houses, 1 lot. 2BR/1BA  
each. Great potential.  
Kathy Dittmer (510) 428-0900

### Oakland

**Gated Masterpiece** \$4,500,000  
Opulent! 11,000 sq. ft., 5 bridge views,  
9+BR/6+BA. Home theatre & gym.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$435,000  
4324 Brookdale. Spacious 2+BR/1.5BA.  
Maxwell Park w/lots of charm.  
Vince Moran (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$985,000  
Wonderful 3BR/2.5BA traditional w/high  
ceilings and great views.  
Katie O'Shea (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$359,000  
2143 102nd Ave. Charming/cute, nicely  
decorated bungalow.  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$639,000  
1151 Garfield Ave., Albany. Gorgeous  
charming 2BR+1BA w/5000 sq. ft. lot.  
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**Sunday 1-4** \$799,000  
541 Colusa. 4BR/3.5BA w/view! Great El  
Cerrito opportunity!  
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**Sunday 2-5** \$559,000  
2320 8th St., Berkeley. Victorian  
3BR/1.5BA w/detached studio, lush  
garden.  
Candice/David (510) 868-1400

**3BR/2BA Home** \$639,000  
2646 Francisco Way. Fab 3BR/2BA view  
home, newer kit, mstr bath, retrofit, lush  
grdns.  
Natalie Cuttler (510) 845-0211

**Sunday 1-4** \$549,000  
1821 Chestnut St., Berkeley. Tastefully  
remodeled bungalow w/lots of charm &  
period details. Close to N Berkeley BART.  
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**Great Investment!** \$499,000  
Richmond 5-plex, 11+ x gross. Low maint.  
1-studio, 1-2BR, 3-1BR.  
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### Fin Homes

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$2,395,000  
5895 Grizzly Peak, Oakland. Spectacular  
4+BR/3.5BA, extraordinary, 4500 sq. ft.,  
new construction.  
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,298,000  
6801 Colton Blvd., Oakland. Lovely  
4+BR/3BA w/captivating Golden Gate  
views.  
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,199,000  
6167 Ocean View, Oakland. Stately  
4BR/2.5BA in fashionable neighborhood.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30** \$1,195,000  
695 Florence, Oakland. Lovely custom  
4BR/3.5BA w/large detached studio.  
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### Lot for Sale

**Sunday 12-12** \$375,000  
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street North Berkeley hills lot, soils report.  
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## Sales

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## SAN LEANDRO

2093 167th Av - \$420,000  
 327 Accolade Dr - \$540,000  
 1550 Bancroft Av - \$346,000  
 15606 Baypoint Av - \$720,000  
 800 Begler Av - \$550,000  
 280 Best Av - \$520,000  
 2245 Buena Vista Av - \$410,000

1400 Carpentier 304 - \$307,000  
 15388 Churchill St - \$425,000  
 91 Estabrook St - \$440,000  
 2462 Fairway Dr - \$335,000  
 14946 Fjord Dr - \$610,000  
 753 Fountainhead - \$575,000  
 15028 Grenda St - \$430,000  
 15445 Heron Dr - \$540,000  
 2041 Howe Dr - \$371,000  
 1388 Hubbard Av - \$495,000  
 15170 Inverness - \$475,000  
 454 Juana Av - \$312,000  
 14445 Kings Ct - \$370,000  
 14549 Kings Ct - \$370,000

486 Lloyd Av - \$489,000  
 840 Manor Bl - \$400,000  
 2281 Marina Bl - \$610,000  
 2400 Marina Bl - \$499,000  
 1643 Marybelle Av - \$450,000  
 936 Midway Av - \$455,000  
 3971 Mission Wy - \$470,000  
 15001 Norton St - \$456,000  
 14650 Outrigger Dr - \$358,000  
 73 Preda St - \$402,000  
 1596 Purdue St - \$460,000  
 1626 Renaissance - \$498,500  
 2341 Riverside Ct - \$688,000

13553 School St - \$510,000  
 14009 Seagate Dr - \$470,000  
 14412 Seagate Dr - \$330,000  
 16630 Selby Dr - \$570,000  
 2293 Somerset Av - \$365,000  
 1450 Thrush Av 18 - \$280,000  
 1683 Thrush Av - \$412,000  
 15568 Tilden St - \$465,000  
 603 Tudor Rd - \$415,000  
 659 Tudor Rd - \$425,000  
 15284 Upton Av - \$500,000  
 1748 View Dr - \$750,000  
 14850 Wake Av - \$400,000

## SAN LORENZO

1869 Bockman Rd - \$485,000  
 15892 Devonwood - \$545,500  
 948 Elgin St B - \$325,000  
 768 Hacienda Av - \$500,000  
 559 Heritage Cr - \$423,500  
 1360 Jacqueline Pl - \$349,000  
 16065 Penn Av - \$470,000  
 17048 V. Alamitos - \$400,000  
 16019 V. Anade - \$328,500  
 16185 V. Andeta - \$410,000  
 15934 V. Conejo - \$436,000

16101 V. Conejo - \$435,000  
 15975 V. Cordoba - \$466,000  
 15721 V. Corta - \$435,000  
 17262 V. Del Rey - \$600,000  
 17422 V. Julia - \$448,000  
 1341 V. Nube - \$509,000  
 17044 V. Perdido - \$435,000  
 15780 V. Represa - \$470,000  
 1396 V. San Juan - \$445,000  
 1630 V. Tovita - \$475,000

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**901 HILLDALE AVENUE \$1,685,000**  
**Berkeley.** New Greek Mediterranean, Eclectic home, close-in, 5BD/4.5BA with master suite, au pair suite, huge family room with fireplace, beautiful patios, yard with garden & trellis. View of S.F., Golden Gate and Bay.  
**Claire Svitek 531-7000 x274**



**6837 ELVERTON DRIVE \$1,375,000**  
**Montclair.** New construction. Panoramic Bay, S.F. view. Gourmet kitchen/eating area and master room with oversized balcony. Luxurious family suite. Abundant use of stone, hardwood and hand forged iron work.  
**Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262**



**430 ORANGE STREET \$895,000**  
**Adams Point.** Magnificent triplex could be easily converted back to single family dwelling. Three plus bedrooms, three bathrooms, formal dining rooms and much, much more. Original box-beamed ceilings, crown moldings, stained glass and other details have been carefully preserved.  
**Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292**



**1 MELVIN COURT \$639,000**  
**Oakmore.** Cosmetic fixer with fabulous panoramic bay view! 3BD/2BA with family room, spacious living and dining room with vaulted beam ceiling, large master suite, wrap around decks, 2-car garage.  
**Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272**



**2757 RAWSON \$479,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Gorgeous remodel 3BD, serene tile spa bath w/skylight, charming bay window w/sitting area, tastefully updated kitchen w/hardwood floors & maple cabinets, garage converted to exercise room w/skylight, private yard w/patio.  
**Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228**



**3256 WYMAN \$449,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Enchanting Tudor w/architectural detail! Living room w/vaulted ceiling, 2BD/1BA, bonus room for office/den, gleaming hardwood floors, charming breakfast room, large basement, sweet level yard.  
**Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228**



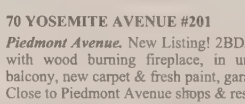
**3020 MORCOM AVENUE \$439,000**  
**Maxwell Park.** Very charming 2BD/1BA bungalow, bonus room for office or den. Updated kitchen & breakfast nook, remodeled tile bath, refinished hardwood floors, beautiful landscaped yard w/brick patio & fruit trees.  
**Fred Perkins 531-7000 x282**



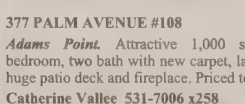
**3520 WISCONSIN \$399,000**  
**Laurel.** Darling 2BD/1BA bungalow with many original details, lots of charm, new paint, private backyard.  
**Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232**



**6721 SUNNYMERE AVENUE \$389,000**  
**Oakland.** Stylish mid-century home 3BD/1BA, open kitchen with large eat-in area, huge private fenced yard opens up from living room with brick fireplace. Gleaming hardwood floors.  
**Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261**



**70 YOSEMITE AVENUE #201 \$339,000**  
**Piedmont Avenue.** New Listing! 2BD/1BA condo with wood burning fireplace, in unit laundry, balcony, new carpet & fresh paint, garage parking. Close to Piedmont Avenue shops & restaurants.  
**Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242**



**377 PALM AVENUE #108 \$325,000**  
**Adams Point.** Attractive 1,000 sq. ft. two bedroom, two bath with new carpet, large kitchen, huge patio deck and fireplace. Priced to sell!  
**Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258**



**455 CRESCENT STREET #115 \$214,000**  
**Grand Lake.** 1BD/1BA Unit on 1<sup>st</sup> floor facing courtyard. Large liv. rm. & open kit. give a grand rm. ambience to this unit. Quiet location w/private patio. Close to shops & public transportation.  
**Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238**



**325 LENOX AVENUE #205 \$165,000**  
**Adams Point.** Bright studio w/new carpet & paint. The kitchen features beautiful granite counters & new appliances. Convenient to Lake Merritt & Grand Avenue shops, cafes. Easy commute.  
**Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238**

## BY APPOINTMENT

**BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED \$849,000**  
**Oakmore.** 1936 3BD/3BA charmer w/sensational, new kit. & mstr. BA. Frml. din., fam. rm., rumpus, sun rm., 2 decks & gorgeous front & backyards. Montclair Schools.  
**Don Dunning 531-7000 x239**

**OPPORTUNITY \$729,000**  
**No. Berkeley Hills.** Charm abounds, a little updating will reap rewards. 2BD/2BA, fam. rm., separate office. Yard & views.  
**Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246**

**EXTENSIVELY REMODELED \$699,000**  
**Lakeshore Terrace.** 3BD/2.5BA, refinished hrwd. flrs., gorgeous new kit. w/granite counter, mstr suite w/deck, 2-car gar., huge yard approx 1/4 acre!  
**Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228**

**FIXER REDUCED \$50K \$299,000**  
**No. Oakland.** Take a look at this adorable bungalow! 2 bedrooms, one bathroom, large family room, newer eat-in kitchen, PCR available.  
**Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292**

## COMING SOON



## ROCKRIDGE

Lovely home in fine neighborhood. Charming three bedrooms, one bath. Ideal floor plan. Sunny yard. Close to BART, shops, restaurants and freeway access.

Nancy Novick 531-7000 x254



## GLENVIEW

This classic bungalow has two bedrooms, one bath, a delightful living room, large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room all on one level. State of the art solar system.

Chris or Nancy 531-7000 x254



# Sales

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By the numbers

**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 24  
LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$600,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$592,146

**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$395,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$825,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$595,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$557,125

**BENICUY**  
TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,425,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$641,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$702,609

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,900,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$548,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$686,154

**EL NORIANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST PRICE: \$229,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$558,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$403,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$392,900

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST PRICE: \$245,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$559,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$380,000

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BRAND NEW LISTING  
14382 OUTRIGGER DRIVE  
Very bright 2 bdrm 1 bath w/vaulted ceilings, carpeting, freshly painted  
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14652 OUTRIGGER DRIVE  
2 bdrm, 2 bath upper unit at Marina Bay  
Vaulted ceilings, parquet floors, brand new carpeting, freshly painted  
SOLD

15639 ANCHORAGE AVE  
Bright, beautiful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home in Marina Bay  
PENDING

**CASTRO VALLEY**  
4419 EWING RD. GORGEOUS 3500 sq ft home with 4 bdrms, 3.5 baths, hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, large deck, close to schools, shopping, BART  
PENDING

42222 10TH AVE  
Entrance to Lake Chabot Chabot Recreation Center in the Proctor School  
PENDING

**ALAMEDA**  
2616 BAYVIEW DRIVE  
Enchanting view of the bay from this home. 3 bdrms, 2 baths with hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances  
SOLD

2017 EAGLE AVE  
Outstanding elegant duplex built in 1989 opportunity for owner-investor  
SOLD

## Open Sunday, 1-4 3696 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette



Sophisticated traditional with southern elegance. Gated home sits behind stucco walls. The lovely courtyard has mature oaks, olive trees & sparkling swimming pool. 6 spacious bedrooms, 6.5 baths, large eat-in kit, formal DR, lux master ste & bath. Decks with hot tub. Huge fam. rm has frpic, rosewood flrs & complete kit & full bath. Could be a great apt. for in-laws or older children. Separate guest house & creekside setting make this a prime property. Vacant, immediate possession.

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### LAFAYETTE \$1,249,000



**DISCOVER YOUR SERENITY.** Beyond the spacious guest house and sparkling pool lies a quiet hillside estate among the oaks. 4bd/3ba, 0.9+- acres. Miles of views and a world of privacy.

### ORINDA \$949,000



**IVY DRIVE AREA.** Spacious 4bd/3ba home features two master suites, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with tile floors, central A/C, cul-de-sac, double pane windows and views. Close to 12 years of schools.

### MORAGA \$2,295,000



**NEW CONSTRUCTION.** New custom home on 4.0+- acres with 5 spacious bedrooms, a gourmet kitchen and family room combo, elegant master suite, great views and a large yard.

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**ONE OF A KIND.** 3bd/2ba, contemporary home with lovely landscaped yard and large patio. Spacious rooms, updated baths and basement with potential wine cellar area. Great location.

### ORINDA \$1,899,000



**LAKE VIEW CUSTOM HOME.** In the heart of the Orinda Country Club, this 4bd/3ba gated home features a remodeled gourmet kitchen, spacious rooms, swimming pool and breathtaking views.

### MORAGA \$954,000



**MORAGA'S FINEST OFFERING.** 4bd/2ba elegant home with quality workmanship. Granite counters, marble, cherry hardwood flooring, stainless appliances, formal DR, dual paned windows and crown molding.

### LAFAYETTE \$795,000



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LOWEST PRICE: \$625,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$880,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$630,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$711,667

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 194  
LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,960,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$415,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$484,696

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$700,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$748,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$724,000

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 78  
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$726,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$426,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$427,442

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 47  
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$455,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$461,457

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 21  
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$445,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$446,976

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## 9 SELBORNE DRIVE

Stunning four bedroom view home located in one of Piedmont's best neighborhoods. Convenient floorplan for everyday living. Huge rumpus room downstairs with a party kitchen and access to the yard and covered patio.



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## 13056 Parkhurst Drive, Oakland

Located near East Bay Regional Parks and Trails, this sunny, all-level Parkridge Estates home has 3 bedrooms, a remodeled kitchen, family room, hardwood floors, a 2-car attached garage and a serene parklands view. Whether relaxing on your deck or enjoying the nearby trails, you'll love living in this great neighborhood.



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Offered at \$699,000

533 Boulevard Way,  
Piedmont

Traditional Prairie style home with spacious formal rooms & high ceilings was built in 1912 on approximately 1/4 acre.

- 3 Large bedrooms • 2.5 baths
- Formal entry hall • Gracious living room with brick fireplace and sunny music alcove
- Cozy family room with fireplace
- Updated eat-in kitchen • Large sunroom



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## 37 Fairlawn Drive, Berkeley



Stunning 3BR/2BA Mid-century Modern • Redwood and glass • Bay views  
Room for expansion or in-law • Move-in condition • Large garage and workshop

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**PIEDMONT \$1,595,000**  
101 REQUA DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
This 3BR/3BA home provides elegant, large rooms, easy indoor - outdoor living, lovely views, & lots of storage. Martha Holstlaw x1312

**MONTCLAIR \$1,499,000**  
1704 BROADWAY TER. (Open 2-5)  
Smashing views from almost every room & terrace of this 3900+ sq.ft. masterpiece. Floating ceilings & glass wrapped open living areas. 4BR/4.5BA. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

**PIEDMONT \$1,350,000**  
9 SELBORNE DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fantastic 4BR/3+BA view home with convenient floorplan. Huge downstairs rumpus with party kitchen & access to yard and covered patio. Tom Nemeth x1381

**PIEDMONT \$1,100,000**  
533 BOULEVARD WY. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Traditional Prairie style with spacious rooms & high ceilings on approx. 1/4 acre private lot. 3BR/2.5BA, FDR, family room, beautiful yard. Rosalie Woods x1324

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$995,000**  
4339 HARBORD DR. (Open 2-4)  
Quaint English cottage full of charm & beauty. FDR, library, family room, office & new yard. Approx. 3000 sq. ft. 4BR/3+BA. Debi Fitzgerald x1318



**MONTCLAIR \$989,000**  
6330 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-5)  
5+BR/3.5BA, 2 family rooms, formal dining, big kitchen, hobby room, huge garage, elevator, decks with sweeping Bay view, 1/4 acre lot. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

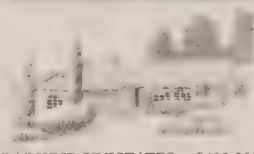


**OAKLAND HILLS \$825,000**  
12130 BLYTHEN WY. (Open 2-4:30)  
Hillcrest Highlands. 3000+ s.f. Traditional on large lot, cul-de-sac location. 4BR/2.5BA, 2 family rooms. MBR on main level. Level yard & decks. Nancy Chew x1342

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$795,000**  
5117 HARBORD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming 2BR/2BA English style home with updated eat-in kitchen, formal dining room w/corner built-ins. Landscaped garden for easy care. Sally Morrison x1313



**MONTCLAIR \$719,000**  
6778 PASO ROBLES DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Sophisticated 3+BR/2BA home featuring a handsome master retreat w/ luxurious bath & second fireplace. Canyon views, peek of the Bay. Gini Erck x1339



**PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$699,000**  
13056 PARKHURST DR. (Open 2-5)  
New listing! Sunny, all-level home w/3BR, 2BA, remodeled kitchen, family room, hrdwd flrs & serene parklands view. Near East Bay Regional Parks & trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334

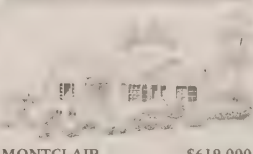


**LAKESHORE \$659,000**  
867 WARFIELD AVE. (Open 1-5)  
Charming Craftsman. 3BR/1BA, original wood trim, built-ins w/leaded glass, updated bath, deck/patio with views of downtown Oakland. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**BERKELEY \$650,000**  
37 FAIRLAWN DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning Mid-century Modern. Redwood and glass. Bay views. 3BR/2BA, room for expansion or in-law. Move-in condition. Mary Montali x1350



**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000**  
3422 JORDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! English charm on a huge, totally landscaped lot. Circa 1926. Close to parks & transportation. 3BR/1.5BA. Chuck Corwin x1353



**MONTCLAIR \$619,000**  
6070 THORNHILL DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Lovingly maintained 2+BR, 2BA home with versatile downstairs suite & sunny fenced yard on a private court off lower Thornhill Dr. Leslie Easterday x1363



**MONTCLAIR \$549,000**  
5909 COLTON BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Terrific & spacious 3BR/2BA in excellent location. Secluded, yet close to Montclair Village. Turn key to move in. Best value in Montclair. Dee Knowland x1318

**CASTRO VALLEY \$495,000**  
2674 ACORN ST. (Open 1-5)  
New listing! Darling & light-filled 3BR/1BA on fantastic landscaped level lot. Updated kitchen w/breakfast bar, dining area, wonderful patio. Sandi Klemmer x1314

**SAN LEANDRO \$459,000**  
13402 AURORA DR. (Open 1-4)  
Delightful 2BR/1BA nestled among mature trees on oversized corner lot. Hardwood floors, remodeled bath, in ground hot tub. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

**LAUREL \$455,000**  
3052 DELAWARE ST. (Open 2-5)  
Lovely spacious Victorian. Newly painted 4BR/2BA. Updated baths, master suite, Large backyard w/dog run. Todd Enley x1377

**SAN LEANDRO \$438,000**  
2047 THOMAS AVE. (Open 1-4)  
New listing! Charming 2BR/1.5 BA, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, yards, attached 1 car garage, shop & wonderful covered patio. Michelle Miller x1335

**OAKLAND \$285,000**  
2321 AUSEON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Darling 2BR cottage has hardwood floors, new carpet, updated kitchen & bath. Lorri Arazi x1330

**BERKELEY \$2,950,000**  
Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,850,000**  
Trophy estate in Claremont Pines. Stately Normandy, charming guest cottage, beautiful conservatory surrounded by gated grounds. View of S.E. & the bay. 4BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$819,000**  
Level in custom ranch w/captivating vistas of San Francisco, Bay, Bridges, trees and hills. 3BR/2.5BA and beautiful gardens. Teri Carlisle x1305

**MONTCLAIR \$799,000**  
Stylish contemporary w/soaring ceilings, spacious rooms, intimate spaces and captivating canyon views. 3BR/2.5BA plus 1BR au pair suite. Teri Carlisle x1305

**CASTRO VALLEY \$579,000**  
Lovely split level 3BR/3BA on large lot w/versatile yard. Updated kitchen & baths, formal dining area and rumpus room. Donna DeBardi x1374

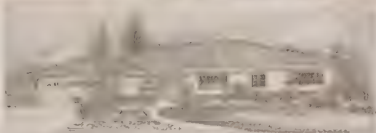
**OAKLAND HILLS \$490,000**  
Approximately 1/2 acre in beautiful Hillcrest Estates. Gentle upslope corner lot w/potential bay view in a developed area of lovely homes. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**LAKE MERRITT \$345,000**  
Inviting and light 2BR/1.5BA unit near Lake Merritt. Washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace in living room. Great closet space. Walk to transportation. JoAnn Hause x1358



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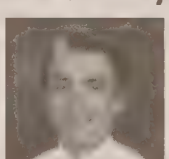
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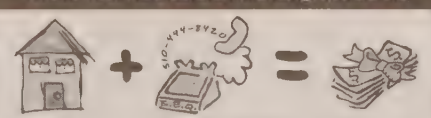


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**315 BLAIR AVENUE** \$2,450,000  
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**60 MANOR DRIVE** \$995,000  
New Price! Charming English home on a wonderful street. Gracious living and dining rooms. New eat-in kitchen level out to lovely rear garden. Mindy Scott

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**13341 CAMPUS DRIVE** \$2,128,000  
Brand new & stunning. Level-in sophisticated cutting edge design. Exquisite finishes. Mesmerizing Bay views, courtyard w/yard & garden. 4BR/3.5BA. Debra Dryden



**663 CARLSTON AVENUE** \$1,125,000  
Beautiful 3BR/3.5BA Mediterranean w/park-like garden, family room/au-pair & formal dining room. Beautiful condition. Located close to Crocker School. Judith Cain

**8946 SAGE ROAD** \$749,000  
Stately 4BR/3BA retreat nestled on a large lot w/privacy & seclusion. Spacious living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, large family room & au-pair unit. Dana Cohen



**1254 HOLMAN ROAD.** \$749,000  
Sunfilled Crocker Highlands traditional boasts classic features, formal rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, 3BR w/ family room, 2.5BA & updated kitchen. Bettina Balestrieri

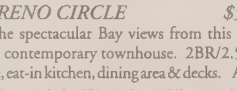


**6053 SKYLINE BLVD.** \$1,295,000  
A dramatic home at the top of Montclair. Lovely arched windows w/spectacular view of the Golden Gate. Elegant master suite & kitchen w/family room. Erika Celestre



**6788 ARMOUR DRIVE** \$825,000  
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**4646 SEQUOYAH ROAD** \$589,000  
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**36 SERENO CIRCLE** \$548,000  
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**6130 BUENA VISTA AVE.** \$1,195,000  
Smashing contemporary w/stunning panoramic views. Clean lines and sophisticated finishes throughout. Level out patio. 3+BR/3+BA. Ed Kuo

**887 PARAMOUNT ROAD** \$1,135,000  
A classic Crocker Highlands home w/beautiful formal rooms, updated eat-in kitchen & wonderful sun-porch. 4+BR/3BA w/attic space & level garden. Mindy Scott

## BERKELEY & ALBANY- OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**335 GRAVATT DRIVE** \$1,895,000  
A masterful work-of-art blending old & new w/ outstanding Bay views! 5BR/4BA, family room, home office, fenced garden, hot tub & privacy! Bebe McRae

**81 THE PLAZA** \$1,295,000  
Cool house in a prime Claremont location. Private & convenient. 3+BR/2.5BA. Generous kitchen/family room opens to patio & garden. Studio/cottage. Faye Keogh



**355 ARLINGTON AVENUE** \$675,000  
A lovely traditional home at Kensington border. Large formal rooms, lots of light. Updated eat-in kitchen. 3BR/2BA. Deck overlooks gorgeous garden. Lori Lombardo

**1481 GREENWOOD TERR.** \$1,250,000  
Historic home on level double lot! Beautiful redwood detail, 3 fireplaces, 3BR/3BA. A very rare opportunity for restoring a North Berkeley gem! Bebe McRae

**122 THE UPLANDS** \$1,195,000  
Great traditional Claremont home. A gardener's paradise w/large sunny garden. 3+BR/2.5BA. Spacious & light-filled. Grizz & serene. Two-car garage. Susie Schevill

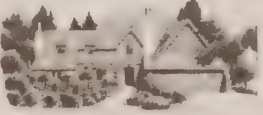
**1144 PRIVILEGE PEAK** \$725,000  
An architecturally interesting home w/sunken living room, plenty of light w/skylight & glass doors & bridge views. 2+BR/2BA. Close to Tilden Park. Ronald Egberman

**928 CARMEL AVENUE** \$699,500  
ALBANY. New foundation, radiant heating, wiring, plumbing & roof. Stunning windows. Chef's kitchen. Private garden. Sunny deck. 3BR/2BA. Chris Cohn

**7089 NORFOLK ROAD** \$1,695,000  
Spectacular views from this Claremont Hills contemporary. Gracious terraces open to the view & overlook the Mediterranean garden. 3BR/3.5BA + library. Linda McClain

**1449 WESTVIEW DRIVE** \$1,495,000  
Stunning San Francisco & Golden Gate view! 4BR/3.5BA, inviting formal dining room, family room; high ceilings & beautiful finishes. Mary Merrick

## PIEDMONT, OAKLAND, BERKELEY & EL CERRITO By Appointment

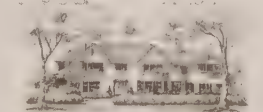


**PIEDMONT ESTATE** \$6,500,000  
PIEDMONT. Built in 1936 of the finest materials, this exquisite home has not been available for half a century. Award-winning designs for both the house & gardens. Truly the residence of your dreams! Anian Pettit Tunney



**BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL** \$1,250,000  
EL CERRITO. Estate grounds with beautiful swimming pool surround this stately 4BR/3BA home! 3 car garage with interior access, family room & formal dining room. Prestigious & rare! Bebe McRae

**SAN PABLO PRE-SCHOOL** \$725,000  
SAN PABLO. A wonderful free-standing pre-school center. One level, 4 spacious classrooms, 3 separate play yards, kitchen, storage, 2BA & on-site parking. The building is approximately 4,199 sq. ft. Anne Van Dyke



**PIEDMONT BEAUTY** \$4,650,000  
PIEDMONT. Elegant & gracious English home w/beautiful large-scale formal rooms updated kitchen/family room & beautiful grounds. 6BR/5+BA. Master suite w/ fireplace. Bay views. Mindy Scott



**THOUSAND OAKS** \$899,000  
BERKELEY. Beautifully remodeled w/large master suite & spa-like bath. Media room w/built-ins. State-of-the-art systems. Landscaped gardens & deck. Hope Broderick

**OAKLAND HILLS** \$579,000  
OAKLAND. This spacious contemporary home features an open floor plan and comfortable outdoor spaces. Convenient location close to shopping, transportation & regional parks. 3BR/2.5BA. Sherry Benninger

**BERKELEY LANDMARK** \$3,450,000  
BERKELEY. An historic landmark home by renowned architect Julia Morgan. Exquisite details. 6+BR/5+BA, + carriage house apartment & secluded garden. Near the Claremont Resort. A Van Dyke & A. Tunney



**MEDITERRANEAN** \$849,500  
OAKLAND. Stunning Arts & Crafts inspired split-level home. Exquisite woodwork, built-ins & high ceilings. Spacious park-like gardens & orchard. 3BR/1.5BA + bonus rooms. Near BART & College Ave. Chris Cohn



**CHARMING COTTAGE** \$489,000  
OAKLAND. Enjoy the old fashioned front porch from this delightful 2+BR/2BA cottage on a quiet cul-de-sac w/ level fenced lawn, family room, hardwood floors and bonus den or office. Dana Cohen

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,575,000  
OAKLAND. Sophisticated contemporary designed to capture the spectacular views of SF & bridges. Private 1/3 acre w/ level front & side gardens. 5BR/3.5BA, kitchen/family room, artist's studio & 1BR apartment. Dana Cohen

**BERKELEY BUNGALOW** \$439,000  
BERKELEY. A charming bungalow. Enclosed front porch entry leads to living room w/fireplace. Formal dining room w/built-ins, eat-in kitchen & 2BR on one level. Attached garage. Helene Barkin

## LOTS AND LAND

**STUNNING VIEWS** \$1,850,000  
Magnificent view lot in Upper Rockridge. Level building site. 17,702 sq. ft. Quiet cul-de-sac. Elizabeth Dickson

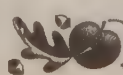
**BERKELEY LOT** \$425,000  
Value in mature Berkeley neighborhood, upslope. Many options. Approved plans available. Carolyn Jones

**LARGE VIEW PROPERTY** \$649,000  
OAKLAND. Approximately .60 acre downslope lot w/ fabulous view. Great cul-de-sac location! Angela Wei Grubb

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960 MOUNTAIN BLVD.  
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970 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
BERKELEY, 94705  
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Located a short distance from both Solano Ave & Westbrae shops, this charming farmhouse is ideally situated on a quiet, residential street. The upstairs unit, full of original charm, has 3 bedrooms & 2 baths on two levels. Downstairs, a spacious 2 bedroom apartment is accessed through a private side garden. The expansive front yard is lush with fruit trees and perennials. **Offered at \$649,000**



Close to 4th Street shops & restaurants, this charming 2BD/1BA condo is part of the Delaware Historic Development! **\$349,000**

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Huge sitting porch, parlor, living room & formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, traditional built-ins, high ceilings, pine floors and so much more. Sound bones and preserved details! 4BD/2BA, big backyard! **\$565,000!!!**



gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, attached garage, split-level layout and a big sunny backyard! **\$469,000**

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Alameda			
\$295,000	334 Cypress Street	2BD/1BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4:30		510-523-1257	
Bayside Real Estate		Nissa Dash	
\$375,000	617 Willow St. #A	2BD/2BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1119	
Lisa Perry			
\$377,000	955 Shorepoint #222	2BD/2BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4815/814-4884	
Nancy Gordon/Izabella			
Lipetski			
\$387,000	965 Shorepoint #208	2BD/2BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4830	
George Williams			
\$389,000	950 Shorepoint Ct. #201	2BD/2BA	Keller Williams Realty
Sun 1-4pm		510-508-2872	
Shohreh Zolfaghari			
\$390,000	2101 Shoreline Dr #470	2BD/1.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sun 2-4		510-523-5664	
Virginia Ambrosini			
\$405,000	2101 Shoreline Dr #344	2BD/2BA	Harbor Bay Realty P. Koutoulakis/D. Alvarez-Morroni
Sat & Sun 2-4:30		510-814-4870/814-4832	
Rosalinda/Susan Fortuna			
\$480,000	213 Central Ave	2BD/1BA	Prudential Ca Realty
Sun 2-5		510-337-8670	
Lucia Corvino			
\$485,000	3022 Linda Vista	2BD/2.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sun 2-4		510-748-1120	
Evelyn Kennedy			
\$530,000	1859 Ninth St	2+BD/2BA	Fortuna Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		415-730-0224/510-220-5002	
Rosalinda/Susan Fortuna			
\$535,000	1025 Tahiti Lane	3BD/2.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-333-7498	
Guinevere Holder			
\$538,500	1042 Melrose Ave	4BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4892	
Ennice Edwards			
\$549,000	1028 Peach St	2BD/1BA	Alameda Realty
Sun 2-4		510-697-8383	
Peter G Caponio			
\$549,000	3231 Sterling Ave	3BD/1BA	Kane & Associates
Sun 2-4		510-523-0746	
Mindy Hart			
\$569,000	1258 Silva Lane	3BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4854/814-4848	
Donn Gutierrez/Ringo Liu			
\$587,000	213 Baywood Road	3BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4819	
Nancy Bianchi			
\$595,000	1101 Court St	3BD/2BA	Centennial Real Estate N. Nick Caporali/Laurie Lacey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-521-5210	
510-814-4884/814-4848			
Izabella Lipetski/Mark Playsted			
\$675,000	610 Lagunaria Lane	4BD/2.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1905	
For appointment Stan Lockhart			
\$678,000	6 Barker Court	4BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4826	
Donnaluci Williams			

Alameda			
\$679,000	133 Orr Road	3BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4824	
Darin Vinali			
\$683,000	721 Santa Clara Ave	3BD/2BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1125/748-1805	
Troy Staten/St. Lockhart			
\$689,000	1707 Eagle Ave	3BD/2BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4872	
Ginger Schuler			
\$725,000	1402 High St	5BD/3BA	Kane & Associates
Sun 2-4		510-917-1617/865-2776	
Rosemary McNally/Marie Kane			
\$749,000	2134 Alameda Ave	4+BD/2BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4871	
Denise Garvine			
\$775,000	2149 Lincoln Ave	5+BD/4BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Saturday 2-4		510-917-1617/865-2776	
Bill & Griselda			
\$779,000	35 Steuben Bay	3BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4710	
Walt & Judy Jacobs			
\$875,000	2016 San Antonio Ave	5BD/3.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sun 2-4		510-814-1133	
Stephanie Neher			
\$925,000	1309 Weber St	4BD/1.5BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sun 2-4		510-301-5749	
Kathy Ghiselli			
\$957,000	1429 Gibbons Dr.	3BD/2+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm
Realty Advocates		510-428-0757	
Hal Feiger			
\$958,000	138 Basinside Way	4BD/2.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4814	
Connie Hanna			
\$999,000	20 Moss Pointe	4BD/3BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4839	
Bill Douglas			
\$1,050,000	3259 Fernside Blvd	4BD/2BA	Homes-Link Real Estate
Sun 2-4		510-748-5300	
Marina/Fernside Homes-Link Team			
\$1,198,000	1133 Regent St	7BD/4BA	Kane & Associates
Sat/Sun 2-4		510-508-6000/483-1676	
John Yung/Krystyna Nowak			
\$1,240,000	360 Creedon Circle	4+BD/3BA	Kane & Associates
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-610-5009/521-5475	
Sally Han/Hanna Fry			
\$1,295,000	339 Creedon Circle	5BD/3BA	Kane & Associates
Sun 2-4		510-388-7214	
Valerie Newman			
\$1,500,000	1622 Fernside Blvd	3 units	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1807/748-1807	
Ann Bracci/Pacita Dimacali			
\$1,575,000	20 Gonsalves Court	6BD/5.5BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4		510-814-4869	
Catherine Bierlwith			
Albany			
\$479,000	601 Kains	2BD/1BA	Red Oak Realty
Sun 2-4pm		510-932-3538	
Robin Gaskins			

Albany			
\$529,000	980 Kains Ave	3BD/2BA	Marvin Gardens
Sun 2-4pm		510-292-3041	
Crystal Elliott			
\$549,000	1004 Stannage	2BD/1BA	Red Oak Realty
Sun 2-4pm		510-835-6218	
The Grubb Co.			
\$699,500	928 Carmel Ave.	3BD/2BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
Chris Cohn			
Berkeley			
\$364,000	1730 Highland	2BD/1+BA	Berkeley Hills Realty
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x12	
Joan Brunswick			
\$375,000	1444 Campus Drive	Lot	Prudential
Open Sun 12-12		510-868-1400 x1481	
Candice Economides			
\$395,000	2029 Channing Way 4A	2BD/1BA	Red Oak Realty
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2140	
Barbara Hendrickson			
\$399,000	2600 Ashby #3	1BD/1BA	Thornwall Properties
Sun 2-4pm		510-848-1950 x240	
Colleen Larkin			
\$448,000	1668 Euclid	2BD/1BA	Berkeley Hills Realty
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x13	
Peter Damm			
\$495,000	2674 Acorn	3BD/1BA	Open Sunday 1-5
Pacific Union GMAC R.E.		510-338-1314	
Sandi Kiemmer			

Berkeley			
\$1,195,000	122 The Uplands	3+BD/2.5BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
Susie Schevill			
\$1,250,000	1481 Greenwood Terr.	3BD/3BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
Bebe McRae			
\$1,280,000	6919 Bristol Dr.	4BD/4BA	Kane & Associates
Sun 2-4		510-852-3118	
Kathie Ng			
\$1,295,000	81 The Plaza	3+BD/2.5BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
Faye Keogh			
\$1,495,000	1449 Westview Dr.	4BD/3.5BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-531-7000 x274	
Claire Vittek			
\$1,685,000	901 Hillside Ave.	5BD/4.5BA	Wells & Bennett
Sun 2-4:30		510-531-7000 x274	
Claire Vittek			
\$1,695,000	7089 Norfolk Rd.	3BD/3.5BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
Linda McCain			
\$1,895,000	335 Gravatt Dr.	5BD/4BA	The Grubb Co.
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
Bebe McRae			
\$555	1444 Campus Drive	Lot	Prudential
Sun 12-2		510-868-1400	
Candice Economides			
Castro Valley			
\$619,000	17153 President Dr.	4BD/3BA	Gallagher & Lindsey
Sun 2-4		510-568-2040	
Mary Ann Herber			
\$1,499,000	17044 Broadway Terrace	4BD/4.5BA	Open Sunday 2-5
Montclair		510-338-1348	
Pacific Union GMAC R.E.			
Fritz			
El Cerrito			
\$370,000	1325 Everett St.	1BD	Marvin Gardens
Sun 2-4pm		510-599-2917	
Laura Dubinett			
\$498,000	809 Everett	2BD/1BA	Red Oak Realty
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2122	
Shahin Bayat			
\$499,000	300 Ramona Ave	2BD/1BA	Marvin Gardens
Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2926	
Te Everson			
\$549,000	2417 Edwards Ave	3BD/1+BA	Red Oak Realty
Sun 2-4pm		510-292-2013	
Todd Andrew			
\$569,000	2318 Carquinez Ave	3BD/1.5BA	Security Pacific
Sun 2-4pm		510-662-8558	
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\$699,000	970 Arlington	3BD/2BA	Security Pacific
Sun 2-5pm		510-222-8776	
Mark Choi			
\$699,000	970 Arlington Blvd	3BD/2BA	Security Pacific
Sun 2-5pm		510-381-1116	
Linda Lipscomb			
\$825,000	818 Craft Ave	3BD/2BA	Millstein & Associates
Sun 1-4:30pm		510-295-3168	
Linda Lipscomb			
\$839,000	2517 Tamalpais Ave	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 1-4pm
Prudential		510-525-2346	
Carol Heath-Kim			
\$895,000	944 Arlington	4BD/3BA	Coldwell Banker
Sun 2-4		510-486-1495	
Kim & Barbara Marienthal			
\$1,350,000	1501 Madera Ct.	5BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
RE/MAX Executive		510-235-1708	
Mike Hughey			
El Sobrante			
\$349,000	830 Solano Ct.	2BD/1BA	Prudential
Sun 1-4pm		510-868-1400	
Kevin Knekel			
\$399,000	755 Renfrew Rd	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-5pm
Marvin Gardens		510-527-2799 x39	
Meridee Carter			
\$675,000	221 Pamela Ct.	4BD/3BA	Coldwell Banker
Sun 2-4:30		510-486-1495	
Gregg Philip Lustig			
Hayward			
\$490,000	444 St. Andrews	3BD/2BA	Bayside Real Estate
Sun 2-4		510-521-1257	
Janelle Spatz			

Kensington			
\$689,000	200 Willamette Ave.	Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens
510-531-7000			
Lafayette			
\$1,095,000	1595 Pleasant Hill Rd	2 houses	Red Oak Realty
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\$1,249,000	1640 Reliez Valley Rd	Open Sat & Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors
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Oakland			
\$165,000	325 Lenox Ave.	Open 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett
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\$214,000	455 Crescent St. #115	Grand Lake	Wells & Bennett
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\$225,000	10728 Acalanes Dr.	Open Sat & Sun 1-4	Prudential
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\$285,000	2321 Ausean Ave	Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC R.E.
Sun 2-4:30			
Wells & Bennett			
\$325,000	377 Palm Ave. #108	Open 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett
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\$339,000	70 Yosemite Ave. #201	Open 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett
Sun 2-4:30			
Wells & Bennett			
\$359,000	5308 Cole St	Open Sat & Sun 1-5	Maxwell Park
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\$359,000	2143 102nd Ave	Open 2-4:30pm	Pr



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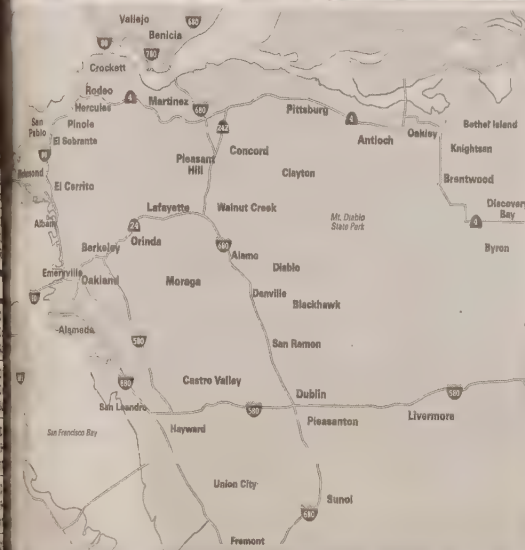


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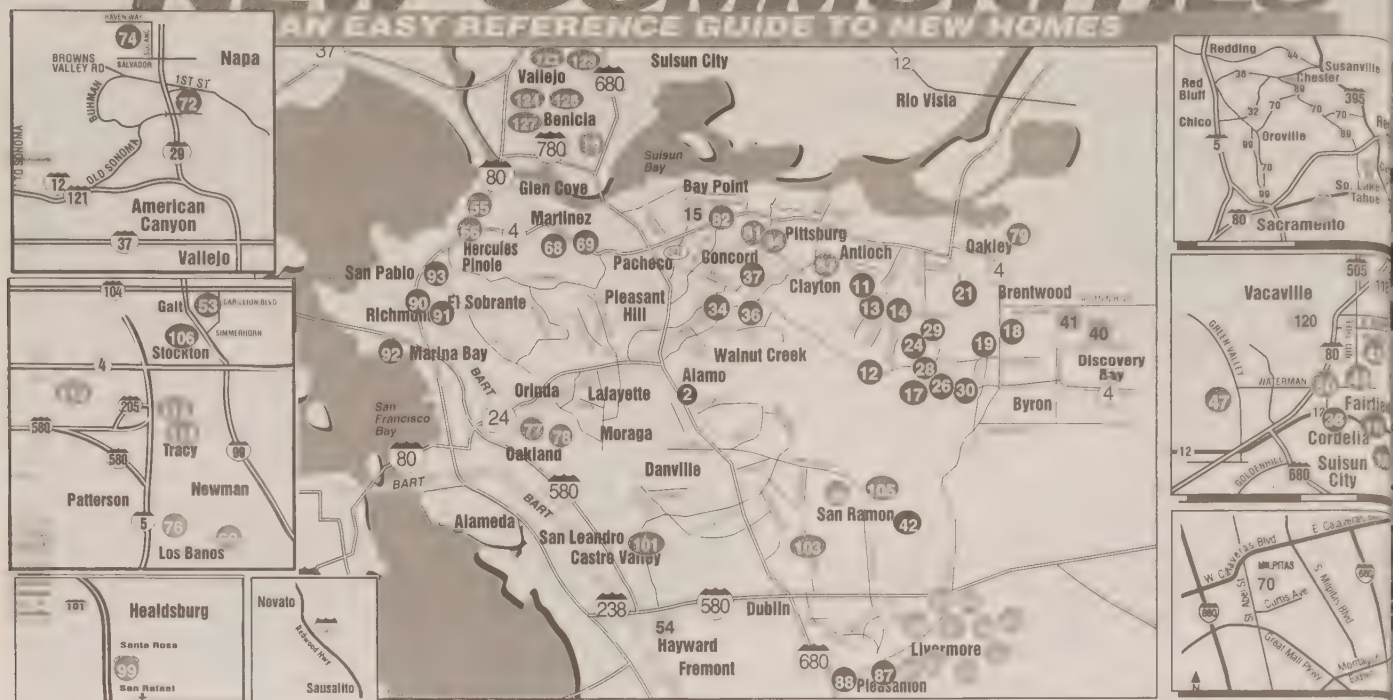
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3701 Magee Ave. Sun 2-4pm Parrot, Broker	4BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips
3256 Wyman Sun 2-4pm Maxwell Park Wells & Bennett	2BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips
3545 Redding St. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2+BD/2BA 510-280-2126 Leif Jensen
3454 Loma Vista Ave. Sun 2-4pm Wells & Bennett	3BD/1.5BA 415-845-2686 Sarah Benton
3052 Delaware St. Sun 2-4pm Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	4BD/2BA 510-338-1377 Todd Ensey
2701 Best Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	3BD/1BA 510-339-9290 Katie O'Shea
2316 94th Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2+BD/1+BA 510-428-0900 Kathy Dittmer
2157 Rawson Sun 2-4pm Wells & Bennett	3BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips
4024 Maple Sun 2-4pm Maxwell Properties	2BD/1BA 510-848-1950 x212 Mary Canavan
4627 Brookdale Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-337-8670 Helenda Silva
2615 Kingsland Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	4BD/2BA 510-845-0211 Deb Graceffa
1062 55th Street Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2+BD/1+BA 510-868-1400 Cynthia Johnson
4066 Whittle Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	3BD/1.5BA 510-339-4565 Martha Shin
6622 Sunnymere Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-331-4004 Jim Nations
1333 Holman Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2+BD/1BA 510-280-2184 Sharon McFarland
5915 Colby Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2BD/1BA 510-428-0900 Nancy Hinkley
36 Sereno Cir. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	2BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Anne Feste
5909 Colton Blvd. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland
6429-31 Outlook Ave. Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	Duplex 510-339-9290 Vince Moran

5838 Amy Drive Sun 2-5pm Montclair Better Homes	2BD/1BA 510-399-5775 Michael Thompson
584 Valle Vista Sun 2-5pm Prudential	3BD/2BA 510-834-2010 John F. Bell
7403 Skyline Blvd Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	3BD/2.5BA 510-399-4550 Nahid Nassiri
4757 Lincoln Ave Sun 2-5pm Prudential	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Lisa Friedman
1736 Gouldin Rd. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Darcy Diamantine
6778 Paso Robles Sun 2-4:30pm Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	3BD/2BA 510-338-1339 Gini Erck
1307 Trestle Glen Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	2BD/1BA 510-482-9000 Patricia Bennett
7 Buckley Ct. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy
247 Sequoyah Dr. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Gary Robinson
8946 Sage Rd. Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	4BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen
1254 Holman Rd. Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	3BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133 Bettina Balestrieri
670 Arimo Ave. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700 Claudia Bowman & Julie Joyce
5117 Harbor Dr. Open Sun 2-4:30pm Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	2BD/2BA 510-338-1313 Sally Morrison
5926 Wood Dr. Open Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	3BD/2.5BA 510-899-6329 Michael Gallagher
5830 Clover Open Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	3BD/2BA 510-845-0211 Julie Lehman
6225 Snake Rd. Open Sun 2-5pm Prudential	5BD/2BA 510-845-0211 Anne Deichler
12130 Blythen Way Open Sun 2-4:30pm Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	4BD/2.5BA 510-338-1342 Nancy Chew
6788 Armour Dr. Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Karen Starr
2833 Chelsea Drive Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	4+BD/2+BA 510-339-0400 Sheila Gallagher
6641 Woodland Pl. Friday 3:00-6:30 Coldwell Banker	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng
6641 Woodland Pl. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Jeffrey Nieldman
6155 Harbor Drive Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei-Grubb
1000 Hollywood Ave. Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Banker	5BD/3+BA 510-339-4700 Rachell Baller
430 Orange St. Sun 2-4:30pm Wells & Bennett	3BD/3BA 510-531-7000 x292 Carol Robbiano
7825 Skyline Blvd Open Sun 2-5pm Montclair Better Homes	3BD/3BA 510-899-6329 Michael Gallagher
6038 Skyline Blvd Open Sun 2-4:30pm By Owners Rep	3BD/4BA 510-830-7999 Anne Koenig
6820 Thornhill Dr Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	4BD/4BA 1-888-549-3744 Lori Shea & Stephanie Nehre
835 Grosvenor Pl. Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	4BD/4BA 510-339-0400 Nancy Lehrkind
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6225 Chelton Dr. Open Sun 2-5pm Prudential	4+BD/4BA 510-206-0717 Rita Harrington
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7955 Skyline Blvd. Sun 2-5 Montclair	4BD/3BA 510-339-9900 x235 Heather Gonzalez
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13341 Campus Drive Sun 2-4:30pm The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Debra Dryden
399 Gravatt Dr. Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert & Ellen Lancaster
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5814 Sacramento Ave Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens	2BD 510-559-2911 Joan Underwood
938 Sonoma Sun 2-4:30pm Red Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 510-280-2187 Nedda Cheung
3229 Barrett Ave Sun 2-4pm Security Pacific	2BD/2BA 510-691-3853 Kathy Casares
5429/31 Panama Ave Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens	2BD/1BA 510-559-2911 Joan Underwood
2818 Carlson Blvd Sun 2-4pm East Bay Realty	3BD/2BA 510-524-5083 Andy Sablik
1568 Martin Dr. Open Sun 2-4pm Prudential	5BD/3BA 510-525-2346 Carol Heath-Kim
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5838 Yale Ave Sun 1-5pm Prudential	2BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Ed Marshall
2112 Bancroft Sun 2-4pm Red Oak Realty	2BD/1BA 510-280-2147 Scott Boward
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1303 Timothy Dr. Sun 2-4:30pm Bickley Real Estate	3BD/1BA 510-769-1606 John
13402 Aurora Dr. Open 1-4 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	2BD/1BA 510-339-4565 Madalyn Mitchell
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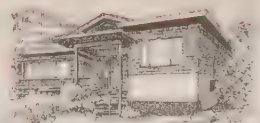
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**OAKLAND** \$969,000  
**1767 Indian Way**  
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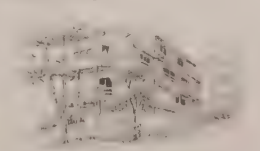
**MONTCLAIR** \$795,000  
**5926 Wood Drive**  
Tranquil Japanese designer home w/pool, bay view, backyard koi pond. Great location. HW floors, 2 car garage w/inside access. Quiet in a secluded private lane setting. 3 BD/ 2.5 BA  
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**5838 Amy Drive**  
Upper Rockridge Traditional! 1920's updated home with newer remodeled eat-in kitchen, which opens to a spacious sunny deck and flowering garden, perfect for entertaining. OPEN 1-5  
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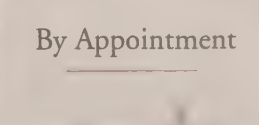
**MONTCLAIR** \$699,000  
**7403 Skyline Blvd.**  
3 BD/ 2.5 BA with hardwood floors and charming details. Living room with picture windows and cozy fireplace. Light and bright kitchen updated with all the amenities. Decks and wooded views!  
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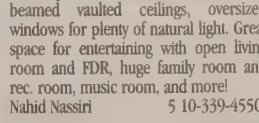
**GLENVIEW** \$599,000  
**907 Everett Avenue**  
Just listed-Built in the 1920's for the current owner's grandfather, this craftsman home has been lovingly maintained and meticulously upgraded. All the charm of the 20's has been enhanced by a fabulous new kitchen, additional half bath and lovely backyard. See photos and virtual tour at:  
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**4066 Whittle Avenue**  
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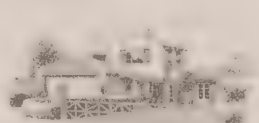
**PIEDMONT** \$1,598,000  
Spectacular 4700+ SF 5BR, 4 BA contemp. in Piedmont featuring wood beamed vaulted ceilings, oversized windows for plenty of natural light. Great space for entertaining with open living room and FDR, huge family room and rec. room, music room, and more!  
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This 4+ BR/ 3 BA Mediterranean Villa designed by Rex Keller & modeled after the late home of Charlie Chaplin, was created to inspire. HWF, 18 Ceilings, elegant flow, wrought iron railings, master bedroom retreat to provoke dreams. Grounds w/ wooded views, fruit trees & artist's retreat!  
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**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$699,000  
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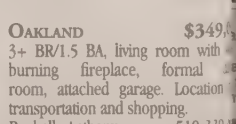
**LAKE MERRITT** \$619,000  
1914 vacant duplex 6 blocks from Lake Merritt, less than a mile to Broadway BART. Huge basements. Two car garage plus off street parking. Lots of charm and custom detail. Great rear yard/trees.  
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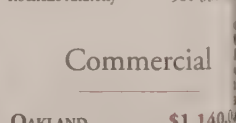
**LEONA HEIGHTS** \$599,000  
Remarkable 3 BD/ 2 BA Rancher Leona Heights with plank hardwood floors, charming details and great space. Living dining areas w/ access front patio; perfect for entertaining & bright kitchen w/ all the amenities. Landscaped & private yard flagstone patios!  
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**OAKLAND** \$569,000  
Delightful 3 BR, 2 BA with HWF, char details, great open spaces. Living w/vaulted ceilings, picture windows fireplace. Light, bright kitchen with amenities. Landscaped yards with patios, lawn and decks.  
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**OAKLAND** \$349,000  
3+ BR/1.5 BA, living room with burning fireplace, formal room, attached garage. Location transportation and shopping.  
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**NORTH OAKLAND** \$339,000  
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# SPORTS

• Friday, October 8, 2004 •

Section C

## No Cokes, no problem as Yellow Jackets roll to victory

Albany battles to a tie  
in King's Academy;  
Pinole Valley improves to  
4-0 with win over Gauchos

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

As it turns out, the Berkeley  
School football team didn't  
miss its top running back after

Antione Cokes missed Satur-  
day afternoon's Alameda Contra  
Costa Athletic League game  
because of a bruise suffered in prac-

tice during the week.

Despite that, backup running  
backs James Graves and Dwayne  
Adams combined for 230 rush-  
ing yards to help Berkeley roll to  
a 40-12 victory in the league  
opener for both teams.

The Yellow Jackets (3-1, 1-0  
ACCAL) outgained the Titans  
only 262-235 in offensive yards  
but capitalized on three inter-  
ceptions thrown by Hercules  
quarterback Gerald Montgomery  
and two fumbles given away by  
Hercules.

Berkeley's Kenneth Adams  
turned one of those interceptions  
into a 65-yard return for a touch-

### FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

down to give the Yellow Jackets  
a 34-6 cushion with 3:34 left in  
the third quarter.

But it was Graves and  
Dwayne Adams who did the  
damage on offense. Graves car-  
ried the ball seven times for 127  
yards and scored three touch-  
downs. He scored on runs of 40,  
15 and 3 yards. Adams recorded  
103 yards on 16 rushes and  
scored 6- and 1-yard touchdown  
runs.

"Great blocking from the (of-

fensive) line," Graves said.  
"Holes were open all day. Big  
holes."

Montgomery was hassled by  
Berkeley's defensive front  
throughout the afternoon. He  
completed 11 of 25 passes for  
137 yards and threw a 22-yard  
touchdown pass to James Allen  
to pull Hercules within 8-6 with  
8:37 in the first half.

The Titans (2-2, 0-1) made it  
a 34-12 game when Montgomery  
scored on a 2-yard run with 4:33  
remaining in the game.

**Albany 22, King's Academy-  
Sunnyvale 22:** The Cougars  
looked well on their way to a

third straight win, but the final  
seconds didn't tick off the clock  
fast enough and Albany settled  
for the tie with the host Knights  
in a nonleague game Saturday.

With four seconds left and the  
Cougars (2-1-1) holding a 22-14  
lead, King's Academy quar-  
terback Steven Lim threw an in-  
complete pass from the Cougars  
27, causing many on the Albany  
sideline to walk toward the field  
thinking time had expired.

But the clock failed to start on  
the play and officials decided to  
take off only three seconds, giv-  
ing the Knights (3-0-1) one more  
shot at the end zone.

Lim connected with Sam  
Sussman for a 27-yard touch-  
down pass and David Norris ran  
in the two-point conversion to  
end the game in a tie.

"We tried to burn the clock as  
much as we could. I just wonder  
about the time management,"  
Cougars coach Dan Shaughnessy  
said. "The clock management was  
kind of funny there at the end."

The mishap ruined what was  
a terrific day for running back  
Jermaine Slaughter, who rushed  
for 181 yards and two touch-  
downs on 23 carries.

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### IEFS

#### Land Girls Softball Registration

Oakland Girls Softball League  
is holding registration for 7-un-  
der through 14-under divisions for  
the spring season Dec. 4, Dec.  
5, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 from 10 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. at Redwood Heights  
Community Center. Competitive and  
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#### Alameda seeks coaches

Alameda High School in Alameda  
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volleyball coaches. 510-521-4159 or  
[alameda@alameda.k12.ca.us](mailto:alameda@alameda.k12.ca.us).

#### Lacrosse clinic

Alameda Berkeley women's lacrosse  
team will be hosting developmental  
clinic Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
at advanced clinic from 1:30 to 5  
p.m. at Maxwell Turf Field. 510-643-  
1100 or [mbnoel@berkeley.edu](mailto:mbnoel@berkeley.edu) or  
[www.calbears.com](http://www.calbears.com).

#### Stargell

##### Baseball tourney

Alameda High School is looking  
for two teams to fill its eight-team  
Willie Stargell Memorial Easter  
tourney to be held March 26-30 at  
Alameda. Three-game  
tournament. 510-502-0567 or 510-  
50458.

#### Albany High alumni

##### Baseball day

Albany High School football pro-  
gram will be hosting AHS Football  
Mini Day Oct. 16 at Cougar Field  
players from 1937-2003. BBQ to  
be held at noon with game kickoff  
at 1:30 p.m. 510-525-2716.

#### Alameda seeks coaches

Miramonte High School in  
Alameda is looking for the following  
coaches: girls wrestling, boys var-  
sity and junior varsity lacrosse. 925-  
44423, ext. 451.

#### Alameda Banshees

##### Women's Pro Football

Oakland Banshees Women's  
Professional Football Team will be  
holding tryouts for ages 18-above  
on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. [www.oaklandbanshees.com](http://www.oaklandbanshees.com).

#### Bay Area Vintage

##### Baseball signups

Bay Area Vintage Base Ball is  
holding signups through Oct. 30 for  
ages 18-50. Play by 1886 rules  
with reproduction equipment.  
Uniforms. Spring 2005 season  
\$23 games per month. 408-378-  
223 or [www.eleamz.com/BAVBB](http://www.eleamz.com/BAVBB).

#### Baseball camp

Cal State Hayward baseball pro-  
gram will be offering hitting camp  
ages 8-17 under direction of  
head coach Dirk Morrison Dec. 20-  
21 from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 1:15-  
2 p.m. \$100. 510-885-3046.

#### Baseball camp

Cal State Hayward baseball pro-  
gram will be offering pitching camp  
ages 8-17 under direction of  
head coach Dirk Morrison Dec. 20-  
21 from 10:10-10:50 a.m. or 3:10 to 4  
p.m. \$70. 510-885-3046.

#### Alameda Youth

##### Basketball signups

Alameda Youth Basketball (AYB)  
is holding registration for boys and  
girls in grades 3-8 who live or attend  
school in Alameda for its winter sea-  
son. Weekend games to be held De-  
cember through March. 510-523-  
2118 or [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com) and  
contact AYB.

#### Piedmont High

##### Basketball tourney

Piedmont High School will be  
holding their first annual Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day Classic Basket-  
ball tourney Jan. 7 beginning at  
10 a.m. at PHS gym. East Bay vs.  
West Bay Challenge with six  
tournaments. \$3/general public or  
\$10/high school students. 510-655-  
2244 or 510-433-2600.

#### Piedmont Highlanders and

##### Golden State Warriors games

Piedmont Highlanders vs.  
Golden State Warriors game will be  
held Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at Oakland Coliseum with  
free admission and parking. Golden  
State Warriors vs. Memphis Griz-  
zlies game will be held at 7 p.m.  
on Wednesday with tickets at \$15  
each. Proceeds of Warriors' ticket  
sales benefit PHS basketball. For  
tickets call 510-653-5592.



SHERRY LAVAR

RACHELLE HAMPTON, Berkeley's No. 2 singles player, sends a forehand shot back toward Joie Fong of Alameda. Fong beat Hampton in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

## Too tough to handle for Berkeley

■ Alameda girls tennis  
team breezes past the  
Yellow Jackets; Albany  
girls volleyball stays atop  
BSAL with victory

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School  
girls tennis team ran into a buzz  
saw Tuesday.

The host Yellow Jackets took  
a 1-0 lead against Alameda, but  
the Hornets won the next six  
matches for a 6-1 victory.

"I think (Berkeley) played

great. (Alameda) is just a tough  
team," said Berkeley coach Liz  
Holland.

Berkeley (3-1 ACCAL) did  
take a 1-0 lead when Alameda's  
Melody Morrison had to retire  
from her No. 4 singles match be-  
cause of a right shoulder injury.  
The score was 2-0 in the first set  
in favor of Berkeley's Audrey  
Chrisler.

But Alameda's Jennifer Lau  
knocked the team score at one  
with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Al-  
ison Headley in the No. 1 singles  
match. Erika Fong gave the vis-  
iting Hornets (8-5, 5-0 ACCAL)  
the lead to stay with a 6-0, 6-2  
victory in the No. 3 singles match

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over Ari Anisimov.

After Alameda's Joie Fong  
won the No. 2 singles match 6-2,  
6-2 over Rachelle Hampton, the  
Hornets clinched the match with  
a No. 2 doubles victory. Vikki Fer-  
min-Weinreb and Mangala Gopal  
defeated Francesca Villa and El-  
lie Ratcliff 6-0, 6-0.

The closest match of the day  
was in No. 1 doubles. Alameda's  
Jennifer Ding and Tammy Wong  
defeated Ariel Feingold-Shaw  
and Erica Hellerstein 7-6 (9-7),  
6-4.

"I was really impressed with

our No. 1 doubles. They played  
really good tennis," Holland said.  
"Also, Rachelle (Hampton) had  
some long rallies that could have  
gone either way."

Results of Berkeley's match  
Thursday against El Cerrito were  
not available at press time.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Albany 4, Holy Names:** The  
Cougars remained tied for first  
in the Bay Shore Athletic League  
on Tuesday with a 25-18, 16-25,  
25-16, 25-16 victory over the vis-  
iting Monarchs.

Jana Poole had 15 kills and  
seven digs for Albany, and team-  
mate Sacha Dent had 37 assists,  
14 digs and two aces.

With the victory, Albany was  
8-7 overall and 5-0 in the Bay  
Shore Athletic League. Results  
of Thursday's match against  
Piedmont were not available at  
press time.

**St. Mary's d. Salesian:** The  
Panthers were also 5-0 in the  
BSAL after a 25-10, 25-7, 25-27,  
25-21 victory over Salesian on  
Tuesday.

Natalie Bogan had 12 kills and  
19 digs for the Panthers (17-5  
overall). Teammate Brittny Mur-  
ray had 11 kills, three blocks and  
47 digs.

Results of Thursday's match  
against St. Patrick were not avail-  
able at press time.

### ALBANY/BERKELEY STING BLUE FALL SOFTBALL

#### 10-under girls

RESULTS OF HAYWARD GIRLS 10-U B FALL  
INVITATIONAL, OCT. 2-3

**Sunnyvale Wicked 9, Sting 0:**  
Top offensive players — Ellie Arkin  
(single), Sadie Oliver-Grey (single); Top  
defensive players — Katie Tick, Maggy  
Di Costanzo, Sasha Kramer.

**Novato Heat 7, Sting Blue 1:** Top  
offensive players: Arkin (RBI single). Top  
defensive players: Meagan Tokunaga,  
Oliver-Grey, Kramer.

**Sting Blue 5, Concord Glory 2:** Top  
offensive players: Tokunaga (double),  
Arkin (single), Tick (single). Top defen-  
sive players: Di Costanzo, Oliver-Grey,  
Sting Blue 3, San Lorenzo Lady

**Patriots 2:** Top offensive players: Clara  
Obstfeld (triple), Oliver-Grey (single),  
Sarah Hoynes (single). Top defensive  
players: Allie Presher, Tokunaga, Kramer.

**Sunnyvale Wicked 10, Sting Blue 1:**  
Top offensive player: Hoynes (run scored).  
Top defensive players: Arkin, Tokunaga,  
Presher.

## Hercules girls volleyball being heard

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Even though the Hercules High  
School girls volleyball team had  
a 1-2 Alameda Contra Costa Ath-  
letic League record at press time,  
it could have a major impact in  
the ACCAL race this season.

On Tuesday, the Titans took  
Berkeley to five games before  
falling 25-18, 20-25, 25-23, 17-25,  
15-13. Allison Wong had nine  
kills and six blocks for the Ti-  
tans, and teammate Anny Chang  
had 20 assists in the close match.

Berkeley and Encinal were  
atop the ACCAL with 4-0 records  
at press time. Hercules' other  
league loss at press time was to  
Encinal in its ACCAL opener on  
Sept. 28. Berkeley and Encinal  
are scheduled to face each other  
Tuesday at Encinal.

Alameda and Pinole Valley were  
one game back in the league race  
with 2-1 records at press time. The

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Hornets defeated the Spartans 10-  
25, 25-12, 25-19, 25-13 on Tuesday.  
**RUNNING STRONG:** The  
Berkeley football team showed  
last Saturday that it has depth at  
running back.

With starting tailback Antione  
Cokes out with a back bruise suf-  
fered during practice last week,  
James Graves and Dwayne  
Adams filled in for Cokes and  
combined for 230 rushing yards  
and five touchdowns in a 40-12  
victory over Hercules.

"Antione is a special player,"  
said Berkeley coach Matt Bissell.  
"He's always a player you want  
in there. He's a game-breaker. He  
saved us a couple times, so we  
want him back as quickly as pos-  
sible. But it's nice to have Dwayne  
and James to back him up. It's  
real nice to have that option."

Bissell said Tuesday that  
Cokes' status is questionable for  
tonight's game against Richmond.

**STAT OF THE WEEK:** Both  
the Pinole Valley and De Anza  
football teams averaged 30 yards  
or more per pass completion in  
last week's games.

In the Spartans' 28-12 victory  
over El Cerrito, Pinole Valley  
quarterback Anthony Lopez com-  
pleted six of his seven attempts  
for 180 yards and three touch-  
downs. All of those touchdowns  
went to Brenton Thompson  
(three catches, 155 yards).

Three De Anza players at-  
tempted passes Friday against  
Alameda. They were successful  
five times for 170 yards. The  
Dons' Roy Holmes and Ryan  
Worley caught touchdown passes  
of 69 and 37 yards, respectively,  
in a 19-14 victory over Alameda.

Staff writer Dave Carpenter  
contributed to this notebook.

## Piedmont overwhelming BSAL rivals in golf

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

IT LOOKS AS IF Piedmont

High School's girls golf  
team has a pretty good  
chance of repeating as Bay  
Shore Athletic League champi-  
ons. Through their first four  
matches, the Highlanders were  
4-0 and beating their oppo-  
nents by an average of 39.8  
strokes. Their smallest margin  
of victory was by 15 strokes  
over second place St. Patrick.

The Bruins visit the High-  
landers next Thursday at Lake  
Chabot in the last league dual  
of the season.

The Highlanders beat the Bru-  
ins 251-266 on Sept. 28 at Blue  
Rock Springs in Vallejo. It was St.  
Patrick's only league loss.

Piedmont hosted St. Mary's  
and St. Patrick was at home  
against St. Joseph on Thurs-  
day after press time. On Sept.  
23, the Highlanders beat the  
Panthers 268-334 and the Bru-  
ins defeated the Pilots.

Piedmont coach Tommy  
Scales expected the High-  
landers to perform well in the  
four-team league, even though  
he was working with a

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younger squad this year.

"In league, we'll be very  
good," he said in September.

Piedmont's best score was a  
250 in a 53-stroke victory over  
St. Joseph Notre Dame on  
Sept. 16 at Lake Chabot. Lau-  
ren Glass led the Highlanders  
with a 12-over par 47 and  
Christine Hironaka scored a 48.

Glass fired a 7-over 42 in  
the Highlanders 251-286 win  
over host St. Joseph at the  
Chuck Corica Golf Complex's  
Jack Clark Course in Alameda  
on Sept. 30.

St. Patrick's low league score  
is 266, which it shot twice.

Piedmont finished the BSAL  
at 6-0 last year, followed by St.  
Patrick (4-2), St. Joseph (1-5)  
and St. Mary's (1-5).

**BACK ON THE COURSE:** Af-  
ter a bye week, BSAL cross  
country returns for its third set  
of league meets on Thursday.  
Salesian, St. Mary's and Holy  
Names will each host separate  
events.

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## FISHING REPORT

## PACIFIC OCEAN

Jim Smith took the Happy Hooker to the Farallon Islands on Saturday and came home with 30 limits of rock fish, 15 ling cod up to 18 pounds and two halibut. The fishing should remain strong here for at least the next couple weeks.

**THE BAYS**  
**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle is reporting good fishing with a lot of legal strippers ranging from 18-33 inches caught off the Martinez shoreline. Sturgeon, as well as some steelhead, can be had from the west end of the Mottball Fleet. Bullheads and anchovies are working for strippers, and grass shrimp, salmon roe and eel are drawing the sturgeon. The biggest steelhead was about 36 inches, caught with a bullhead.

Cal Watterson of Cordelia caught and released a 130-pound, 76-inch sturgeon with salmon roe at the Glomar Explorer; Hue Rutherford and son William caught two sturgeon at the first row of ships totaling 133.5 inches and 135 pounds on grass shrimp; John Jensen of Concord caught a 62.5-inch, 48.5-pound sturgeon at the first row of ships with eel; and Bill Burdick of Concord caught a 54.5-inch, 31.1-pound sturgeon at Buoy 9 on grass shrimp.

Bill Berry caught six strippers, with two coming in at 30 and 31 inches, at the Martinez shoreline on bullheads, Jacob Stockton and Nick Macrusky caught two strippers totaling 55 inches and 13 pounds at Seal Island on bullheads and Ken Heuser of Martinez caught a 29-inch, 8.5-pound stripper from the shoreline on grass shrimp. John Pitts of Concord caught a 33-inch, 14.1-pound stripper at the Ozol dock on a bullhead. Tom Schofield of Martinez caught a 29-inch stripper from the Martinez Pier on a bullhead and Joe Kline and Greg Shul of Sparks, Nev., caught two strippers totaling 37 inches on anchovies at the mouth of the Montezuma Slough.

Roger Leno of Martinez caught two strippers totaling 37 inches on bullheads at Seal Island and Tommy Taylor of Martinez caught an 18.5-inch stripper in the same trip. Shean McBride of Vacaville caught a 28-inch, 7.2-pound stripper from the Martinez shoreline on a bullhead. Martinez Bait and Tackle is hosting its Second Annual Stripper Derby Nov. 6-7. Shore fishermen are welcome. For more information, call 925-229-9420.

Tony Lopez of McAvoy's Bait in Pittsburg noted that sturgeon fishing has picked up in a number of areas, including Middle Ground, Garnet Point, the shallow water of Grizzly Bay and between Roe and Ryer Islands. Lopez caught a 50-inch sturgeon at Middle Ground and Bill James caught a 54-inch sturgeon at Middle Ground. Lopez also said strippers are being caught at Buoy 15 and should be hitting at Garnet Point in the near future. The tides should improve this weekend and as long as the wind stays down, the fishing should remain strong.

## THE RIVERS

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON:** Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is fair to good. Working well are Micro Mayfly No. 16 and Fox's Pupae.

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON:** Portocarrero said he and his clients are catching 10-25 pound king salmon, with some more than 30 pounds. Flatfish T-50s and bouncing roe are the best bets for kings. November and December should produce even larger and brighter salmon.

## THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said salmon fishing has picked up with anglers catching them from Pittsburg all the way to Walnut Grove using Silver-ton lures, Wiggle Warts and Quikfish. They are in the 5-15 pound range. Strippers have been hitting at Sherman Lake, the Antioch Bridge and Big Break, with anglers plugging Rat-L-Traps. Catfish can be had at Orwood Resort and Holland Tract on stinkbait and clams. Black bass fishing has slowed down.

Catching catfish this week were Frank Becerra (8.5 pounds), Billy

Thomas (19 pounds worth) and Felipe Mitchell (4.5 pounds). Catching salmon were Jerry Gardner (14.25 pounds, 5.25 pounds), Herb Kast (8 pounds, 7.5 pounds), Frank and Tom Holquin (four totaling 40 pounds), Jason Enrique (8 pounds, 16.5 pounds), Anthony Ribero (9 pounds), and Bob Arnold (31 pounds).

Catching strippers were John Landry and Kyle Connolly (24 pounds worth), who also caught a salmon, Matt Leverich (10 pounds), Roger Lund (8 pounds), Scott Dwyer (2.8 pounds), Jonathan Davis (9 pounds), Phillip Dutra (27 pounds), Rod Menaley (5.5 pounds), Bobby McKenzie (8.5 pounds) and Melissa Hatcher (12 pounds). Juan Torres caught a 25-pound stringray on shad in San Francisco Bay.

The staff at Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said salmon fishing continues to improve in the Old Sacramento River. Strippers can also be had at Dacker and Sherman islands, although they remain fairly small.

## THE LAKES

**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:** Bait fishing and trolling for trout remains a challenge but has started to pick up. Catfish action has been good, with some nice ones coming out of the main recreation area. Bass fishing also is good; anglers should try the coves and dock areas with crank bait. Aki Miyamoto of Walnut Creek caught two catfish totaling more than 21 pounds at the main rec area using a worm.

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** No big trout were caught this week, but a lot of limits were. Trout fishermen are getting 2-3 fish per rod using white Power Eggs or orange PowerBait. Trolling action is still a little slow but will improve as the water temperature drops. The summer bass bite seems to have come to sudden halt. A few bass are still coming in from Alder Point and one was caught trolling in Half Moon Bay. Nightcrawlers at Alder Point are still the best bet.

Boat anglers are landing limits of catfish as they remain the hot catch. Fish are coming in from all over the lake but mostly from Bass Cove and the island. Beef liver and mackerel are the best baits.

**LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD:** For trout, anglers are using a variety of PowerBait (rainbow, chartreuse, orange) or Power Eggs. Anglers also are using PowerBait with a nightcrawler. Trollers are using broken back lures, Cripp lures, Wedding Rings and Rapalas between 10-25 feet. Rainbow trout anglers with boats have been having good luck bait fishing in Peninsula Cove (and coves southeast of marina) using a variety of baits.

Bass anglers generally use rubber worms, Rat-L-Traps or poppers. Anglers in boats have had luck in the coves south east of marina. A number of largemouth bass and striped bass have been caught in Peninsula Cove.

**LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE:** Water temperatures are starting to drop, and the trout bite is starting to pick up. Reports of 1-3 fish per rod using PowerBait are normal now and it should only get better. The dam and the narrows are the hot spots. The bass bites have become more aggressive thanks to the cooling water temperatures. A top-water lure resembling a thread fin shad in approximately 10-20 feet of water has been working best.

The catfish bite is still good with reports coming from all over the lake. Expect about 3-5 fish per rod. Chicken livers, anchovies and stink baits are all producing good results.

**LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE:** The trout have begun to bite, with several anglers catching nice sized trout from various locations around the reservoir using PowerBait or worms. The cooler water temperature has allowed the trout to move to shallower depths. Chris Blaney caught a 5-pound trout in the south end of the reservoir using a worm. Several bass and catfish were caught last week at various locations all around the reservoir. Chicken liver and mackerel seem to be the bait of choice for catfish, and bass seem to be hitting plastic worms and crank bait.

— Curtis Pashelka

## ON DECK

## Prep girls volleyball

■ **Berkeley at Encinal, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday** — The two teams are undefeated in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time with 3-0 records.

■ **St. Joseph at Albany, 6 p.m. Thursday** — The Pilots could provide a stiff challenge for the Cougars, who are undefeated in the Bay Shore Athletic League at press time.

## RICHMOND AT BERKELEY

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley High School, 2246 Milvia St.

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Richmond 0-4, 0-1 ACCAL; Berkeley 3-1, 1-0

■ **LAST WEEK:** Richmond lost to Encinal 48-14, Berkeley beat Hercules 40-12.

■ **FACTS:** The Oilers haven't won an ACCAL game since Oct. 27, 2000, when they beat De Anza by forfeit — a league losing streak of 22 games. The Yellow Jackets have beaten Richmond in their past four meetings by a combined score of 229-36.

## Football

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"We just knew we had to go forward," said Slaughter, referring to Albany's two critical fourth-down conversions, one that resulted in a touchdown. "The line was juiced. They saw the (holes) and took advantage of it."

The Cougars defense produced a 45-yard fumble return by Victor Joyner and had two goal-line stops in the second half.

"I thought our defense played well. We played our hearts out," Shaughnessy said. "That's why it feels so frustrating to have that taken away from us like that. That hurts. It hurts a lot."

**Pinole Valley 28, El Cerrito 12:** The Spartans' winning ways continued Friday night, as they remained undefeated with a win over El Cerrito in the ACCAL opener for both teams.

Pinole Valley's Anthony Lopez-to-Brenton Thompson connection was particularly lethal in the first quarter. Lopez dropped back and sent one deep down the field to Thompson, who beat Gauchos defensive back Desmond Thomas for a 45-yard scoring strike and a 7-0 lead with 10:26 to go in the half.

The two hit paydirt again on Pinole Valley's next drive, this one from 82 yards out.

The Spartans (4-0, 1-0 ACCAL) held a 21-0 lead at halftime

■ **El Cerrito at Alameda, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday** — The Gauchos begin a tough week of matchups against the Hornets, who are 2-1 in the ACCAL at press time.

## Prep cross country

■ **St. Mary's at Clovis Invitational, 9 a.m. Saturday** — The Panthers travel to Woodward Park in Fresno, the traditional site of the state championships, for this ultra-com-

petitive invitational.

## Stars of the week

■ **James Graves, Berkeley football** — Graves rushed seven times for 127 yards and three touchdowns in the Yellow Jackets' 40-12 victory over Hercules.

■ **Arlene Sasse, Albany girls volleyball** — Sasse had 18 kills, 39 digs and five blocks in the Cougars' 25-16, 25-19, 26-28, 25-22 win over Sale-

slan, then added eight kills in service aces in Albany's 25-25-7 victory over Kennedy.

■ **Tarah Murray, St. Mary's volleyball** — Murray had 10 kills in the Panthers' 25-13, 25-16 victory over Piedmont.

■ **JoElbert Dennis, El Cerrito football** — Dennis rushed for a high 149 yards in the Gauchos' loss to Pinole Valley.

## DE ANZA AT EL CERRITO

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito

■ **WHEN:** Today, 4:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** De Anza 1-3, 1-0 ACCAL; El Cerrito 1-3, 0-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** De Anza beat Alameda 19-14, Pinole Valley beat El Cerrito 28-12.

■ **FACTS:** The Dons racked up 170 passing yards on five completions against Alameda. The Gauchos have scored a total of seven points in the first half of their last two games.

## AMERICAN AT ST. MARY'S

■ **WHERE:** St. Mary's High School, Albina Avenue and Hopkins Street

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** American 1-3, St. Mary's 0-4

■ **LAST WEEK:** American lost to Kennedy-Fremont 33-14, St. Mary's lost to Petaluma 45-6.

■ **FACTS:** Since topping Moreau Catholic 21-12 in the opening week, the Eagles have dropped three straight. The Mariners are 0-4. The Panthers are what struggling is all about. The margin of their losses has steadily risen through last week's 39-point loss to the Mustangs. St. Mary's turned the ball over five times in the loss.

## ALBANY AT BENICIA

■ **WHERE:** Benicia High School, 1101 Military Way

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Albany 2-1, Benicia 3-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Albany beat King's Academy-Sunnyvale 14-10, Benicia beat Castlemonter 14-10.

■ **FACTS:** Cougars running back Jermaine Slaughter has defenses for 171.3 yards a game. A key player on the Cougars' defense is William Slaughter, who has a team-high 14 sacks.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Pittsburg	4-0	Pirates roll Clayton Valley; Freedom up next
2.	De La Salle	1-2-1	Spartans get a much-needed week of rest leading up to Mission Viejo
3.	Foothill	4-0	Falcons tested in surprisingly close 34-21 win over California
4.	Amador Valley	4-0	Dons stay hot, head to Monte Vista on Friday
5.	Las Lomas	3-1	Knights break 12-game losing streak to Miramonte with 31-13 win
6.	Skyline	3-1	Titans opportunistic in win over Monte Vista
7.	Monte Vista	3-1	Mustangs' turnovers cost them in loss to Skyline
8.	Liberty	3-1	Lions blank Antioch 34-0; Clayton Valley next
9.	San Ramon Valley	4-0	Wolves surge to 54-0 halftime lead in 68-7 win over Livermore
10.	McClymonds	2-2	Warriors fall to L.A. power Dorsey

**Others receiving votes:** Pinole Valley (4-0). The high school football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers.

after Lopez threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Thompson in the second quarter.

El Cerrito, meanwhile, struggled to find such efficiency on offense in the early going. The Gauchos (1-3, 0-1) broke into the red zone only once in the first half.

The Gauchos put together a lengthy seven-minute drive in the third quarter to get on the board. Running back JoElbert Dennis carried the ball eight times on the drive, and quarterback Don-Miguel Tutass capped it with a 1-yard keeper to make the score 21-6 with 5:05 left in the third.

Dennis led all rushers by gaining 149 yards on 28 carries.

The Gauchos were on the board, but the hole was too deep to climb out of.

Jonathan Okada scored El Cerrito's other touchdown on a 1-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

**Petaluma 45, St. Mary's 6:** The Panthers felt the wrath of the Trojans' air and ground game in a nonleague loss in Berkeley.

Petaluma (3-1) amassed 457 yards of total offense and averaged just more than 13 yards per play.

Trojans quarterback Josh Krist passed for 168 yards and accounted for five touchdowns, capping off his impressive day with an 82-yard option keeper down the Petaluma sideline at the end of the third quarter.

St. Mary's (0-4) would have liked to have the game's first six minutes back as it lost fumbles on the opening kick return and

the first play of its opening drive. The turnovers led to Petaluma touchdowns.

Trailing 38-0 at the end of the third quarter, the Panthers capped their lone scoring drive with a 1-yard carry to Washington. The junior team in rushing with 50 yards for 48 yards.

St. Mary's Rolando gave the home crowd its cheer by grabbing a defensive stop on Scott Tully pass in the fourth quarter that went through the hands of two Petaluma backs ending in a 55-yard interception.

Staff writers Ricardo Soto Jr. and Jennifer Starks, and respondent Matt Petersen contributed to this roundup.

## BSAL

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In results of note from Sept. 30, host St. Mary's girls defeated St. Elizabeth 15-40, Holy Names 19-42 and Salesian 15-40 in a four-team event. Piedmont's girls outran Albany 25-30 and St. Joseph 17-38.

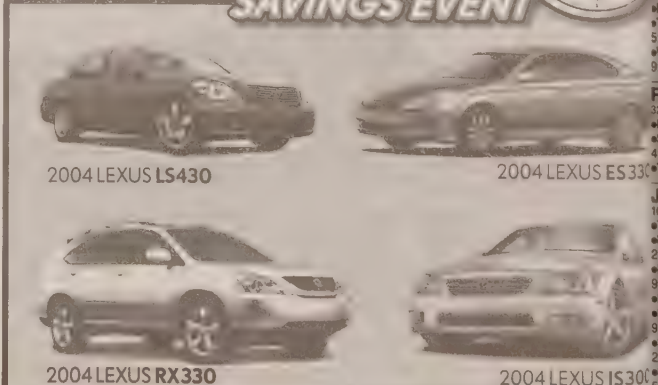
On the boys side, host Piedmont beat St. Joseph 25-30 and Albany 23-32. St. Mary's had victories over St. Elizabeth (15-40) and Salesian (15-40).

**FOOTBALL MATCHUPS:** League play finally starts next week with Piedmont hosting John Swett Friday at 7 p.m. On Oct. 16, St. Patrick is at Albany and Kennedy is at St. Mary's. Both games start at 1:30 p.m.



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# The hot air beneath great-looking wings

IT WAS a perfect autumn Saturday, the softened air painted by golden sunlight and swirling leaves. So we dropped exuberantly outdoors and headed straight for a dark indoor cavern in Emeryville to watch "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow."

In this one, Jude Law is Sky Captain. Joe Sullivan, flippant, impish flyboy. Gwyneth Paltrow, plucky Polly Perkins, ace girl reporter. Giovanni Ribisi is loveable Dex Dearborn, genius sidekick geek. And Angelina Jolie is Angelina Jolie, with a form-fitting squadron commander uniform and a black eyepatch but, no whips and chains. The basic idea here is that a scientist from Germany in the '30s is knocking off his colleagues and using giant robots to steal the earth's resources. Never mind why — if he weren't, it would not have a story, not that we have much of one anyway.

Polly gets her manicured nails on a clue about why this is happening, and off we go. The ensuing adventure suggests that all we really needed to win World War II was Jude Law's wit. Gwyneth Paltrow's overbite



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Life is a Movie

and Angelina Jolie's lips, any of which, now that I think about it, is a better look than Gen. MacArthur's cornucopia pipe.

This movie is what you'd get if you threw "Flash Gordon," "Metropolis," "Adam's Rib," and the "Wizard of Oz" into a blender. It's like Walt Disney had an LSD flashback in the middle of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

The actors worked against a blue screen and everything else was tossed in later by computers that washed it all in retro-attractional tones and the spitting image of Ingrid Bergman in "Casablanca." Everything is brown, including Paltrow's eyes, although later on they somehow turn up blue. Maybe your irises change color when you fight robots while wearing stockings and heels.

"Sky Captain" is airhead fun and full of holes. Joe and Polly fly over the Atlantic in his single-engine P-40 Warhawk in about eight minutes. Maybe, on the trip over, they scared the universe into some kind of time warp with Joe's plane, which, with the belligerent mouth and jagged teeth painted on its fuselage, does look like a chillingly persuasive shark on a Saturday night, planted at the front door of Chez Panisse with a big appetite, a hot date and no reservation.

Moreover, Joe and Polly are able to cross the ocean in their two-seater without stopping for fuel. Admittedly, there aren't many runways with gas stations out there anyway, but there's always Atlantis. And don't laugh. Joe's plane can actually fly — or swim — underwater, a neat trick, among many, conjured up by Joe's inventive pal Dex.

Meantime, we get it that Joe and Polly are supposed to duke out their scenes together like Tracy and Hepburn, but as they wing their way to the Continent, Joe keeps his dashing leather flying helmet and goggles firmly in place and neglects to offer the same protection to Polly. Of

course, that gives us paying customers one more chance to see Gwyneth Paltrow's incandescent hair, but come on Joe, give a girl a break.

Further on the fashion front, Joe and Polly end up trekking in Tibet, where they're outfitted in adorably fluffy stocking caps. It's like before they set out in pursuit of the abominable scientist in the forbidding shadow of Mt. Everest, they made a quick detour to Banana Republic.

"Sky Captain" does look great, so leave your brain back at the house and go have some fun. I mean, why wait for tomorrow when you can waste a perfectly good afternoon today?

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## OPENING TODAY

### "DIGI" (NR)

Documentary about musicians Anton Newcombe of the Brian Jonestown Massacre and Courtney Taylor of the Dandy Warhols, bitter rivals and star-crossed friends.

### "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" (PG-13)

The true story of the winning Odessa, Texas, high school football team, starring Billy Bob Thornton. Based on Buzz Bissinger's book.

### "I (HEART) HUCKABEES" (R)

An existential comedy from director David O. Russell about a young environmentalist who finds his belief system challenged by the winning ways of an oily publicist (Jude Law) for a chain department store.

### "A LETTER TO TRUE" (NR)

Photographer Bruce Weber's love letter to his family of golden retrievers, whom he sees as a metaphor for peace and hope in the world.

### "RAISE YOUR VOICE" (PG)

A small-town girl (Hilary Duff) enrolls in a Los Angeles performing

arts school for the summer.

### "RED LIGHTS" (NR)

Driving to pick up their children from camp on a summer holiday weekend, a French couple bicker, take a detour, and one of them ends up missing.

### "REMEMBER ME, MY LOVE" (R)

In an Italian film obsessed with success, a daughter struggles to become a TV assistant, despite a serious lack of talent. Starring Monica Bellucci.

### "UNCONSTITUTIONAL: THE WAR ON OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES" (NR)

A documentary about the Patriot Act and other Bush administration actions post-Sept. 11. At the Roxie in San Francisco only.

### "UNPRECEDENTED: THE 2000 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION" (NR)

A documentary about the Florida vote-counting debacle and how it impacted the 2000 presidential election. At the Roxie in San Francisco.

## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are Karen Hershenson and Mary F. Pols; Times: Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Steven Rea and Carrie Rickay, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Brad Kava, Glenn Lovell and Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire and Ben Nuckols, Associated Press; Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jami Bernard and Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; Robert Dennerstein, Rocky Mountain News; Phoebe Flowers, South Florida Sun-Sentinel; Evan Herson, Valerie Kulkens, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whitty, Los Angeles Daily News; Carina Chocano, Kevin Crust, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vognar and Philip Wutch, Dallas Morning News; Jay Boyar and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Bialke, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Catherine Foster and Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan and Desson Thomson, Washington Post.

### "ANACONDA: THE HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID" (PG-13)

This heikel, old-school creature feature sequel will appeal to fans of the original (and there are a few) and connoisseurs of enjoyably absurd movies. A group of scientists working for a pharmaceuticals corporation ventures into the jungles of Borneo in search of the rare blood orchid. Soon they've drawn the attention of some very large, very hungry giant anacondas. — G. Dowell, (PG-13: violence, language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes C-

### "BEFORE SUNSET" (R)

A sequel to "Before Sunrise." Former lovers Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) meet again after nine years apart and spend 80 minutes (the film is in real time) roaming the streets of Paris together. Richard Linklater's leanest, sparsest film yet is also his best, most mature work. It challenges all the conventions of romantic movies, cutting out grand misunderstandings, nudity and sex. Instead this potent, true love story delves into the real and true emotions involved in experiencing desire as we age and gain responsibility. Even the smart, sweet "Before Sunrise" seems slightly staid in comparison. — M. Pols, (R: language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes A

### "THE BOURNE SUPREMACY" (PG-13)

Two years after we first met him, Matt Damon's Jason Bourne is as lithe, strong and sharp-witted as a disaffected spy as ever. The franchise continues, with a strong tale of heartbreak and revenge, set among various exotic locales. Joan Allen joins the cast as a CIA operative who thinks Bourne has gone bad. Director Paul Greengrass takes over from Doug Liman, and he does a good job, although the material is less fresh and he's a little too in love with chaotic car chases. — M. Pols, (PG-13: intense action violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes B

### "BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS" (PG)

This adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's 1930

novel is a wickedly funny skewering of a prewar London society gone mad with frivolity. These are the Paris Hiltons of their day. Aspiring but naive novelist Adam Symes (Stephen Campbell Moore) becomes a society columnist out of necessity. The story traces Adam's on-again/off-again engagement to Nina (Emily Mortimer), whose wedding is contingent on his prospects, which change with head-spinning ease. — J. Bernard, (R: drugs, suicide, thematic material.) 1 hour, 46 minutes B+

### "CELLULAR" (PG-13)

A tale of a young man (Chris Evans) on the run to save the life of Jessica (Kim Basinger), a woman he's never met, but who has called his cell phone claiming to have been kidnapped. The film is schlocky and shallow, but it's also the most invigorating fun, swift-moving and seamlessly plotted action movie to come along since "Speed." Basinger is quite bad, but director David R. Ellis uses that to his advantage; it gives Ryan reason to doubt Jessica. The film is ripe with sendups of our cellular age, and it races from one L.A. destination to another, never breaking stride. William H. Macy is superb as usual as a sad-sack cop who inadvertently saves the day. — M. Pols, (PG-13: violence, terror situations, language and some sexual references.) 1 hour, 34 minutes B+

### "COLLATERAL" (R)

This Michael Mann thriller about one night in the life of a hit man (Tom Cruise) and the cabbie (Jamie Foxx) unlucky enough to pick him up is slick, highly atmospheric and very cool, but requires a big leap of faith from the viewer. It's riddled with coincidences, implausibilities and physical impossibilities centering around the continued good health of Mr. Cruise in the face of many flying weapons and bullets. If you can get over that, you'll have a great time. Jada Pinkett Smith as a prosecutor with a link to both men adds a lovely note of calm. — M. Pols, (R: intense violence, language.) 2 hours, C+

### "THE COOKOUT" (PG-13)

Likable Todd Anderson (Storm P.) becomes the No. 1 NBA draft pick. He assures his mother, Lady Em (Jennifer Lewis), that he's not going to change, but soon goes on an epic spending spree that includes a mansion in a gated community. She's appalled at first, but soon realizes the new place is the perfect setting for her cherished annual cookout. A good-natured movie, but a dud. — K. Thomas, (PG-13: drug content, sexual references, language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes C-

### "A DIRTY SHAME" (PG-13)

Tracey Ullman stars as frumpy Sylvia Stickle, a grouchy grocery store clerk living with her sex-starved husband (Chris Isaak) and their nubile daughter, Caprice (Selma Blair). Sylvia suffers a head injury and turns into a raving sex maniac. Within minutes, she meets Ray-Ray (Johnny Knoxville), who shares her affliction and is the leader of a cult of concussion victims who have kinky tastes. They're searching for a new sex act, something that's never been done before, and Ray-Ray believes Sylvia is their chosen one. — G. Dowell, (NC-17: language, pervasive sexuality.) 1 hour, 29 minutes B

### "FAHRENHEIT 9/11" (R)

With a vengeance, a camera and

archival footage no conservative wants to see. In Michael Moore's exhaustive, and rather exhausting, nonfiction film, the must-see "documentary" of the season, America's resident noodge details the many reasons why he hates President George Bush and why he thinks you should, too. The results are passionate, clever, scathing, funny, snarky, brutal, sad, glib, often wildly entertaining and at times superficial. Moore is at his strongest when he lets a woman named Lila Lipscomb, whose son was stationed in Iraq, do the talking. She will break your heart. — M. Pols, (R: language, violent images of war.) 1 hour, 56 minutes B+

### "FESTIVAL EXPRESS" (PG)

They say that if you can remember Woodstock and other rock concerts of the 1960s, then you couldn't have been there. That also may be true of Canada's 1970 Festival Express tour, headlined by Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead and The Band. As documented in the new film "Festival Express," it sheds new light on psychedelic rock while showing viewers heretofore unseen, career-defining performances by some legends. — B. Kava, (R: some language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes B

### "FIRST DAUGHTER" (PG)

In this likable, predictable comedy, Samantha (Katie Holmes) flies off to a California college campus, but in the grip of iron-fisted Secret Service agents. Only when she escapes her muscular escorts does she taste the prerogatives of a "normal" freshman. And it doesn't hurt that her companion is a dreamy resident assistant named James (Marc Blucas). But what if, like everyone else she meets, James has a hidden agenda? — C. Riecke, (PG: profanity, sexual innuendo, alcohol.) 1 hour, 44 minutes C

### "THE FORGOTTEN" (PG)

Fourteen months after her son's death in a plane crash, a woman (Julianne Moore) is still a wreck. Yet one day her husband, and her shrink (Gary Sinise), tell her the boy was just a figment of her imagination, launching a wild quest to prove her own sanity. She's joined by a man (Dominic West) whose daughter was on the same plane. The movie doesn't bear up well under close scrutiny, but Moore is convincing enough to distract the logician, at least until after you've left the theater. — M. Pols, (PG-13: intense thematic material, some violence and brief language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes B-

### "GARDEN STATE" (PG)

"Scrubs" star Zach Braff wrote, directed and stars in this deceptively quirky tale that gradually deepens to end on a note of redemption marked by a bracing largeness of spirit. Braff plays a Los Angeles actor who returns to New Jersey when his mother dies, and simultaneously stops taking medication for depression. With Natalie Portman as the offbeat local girl with whom he hooks up. — K. Thomas, (R: drugs, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes B+

### "GHOST IN THE SHELL 2: INNOCENCE" (PG)

Mixing shimmering computer graphics with noirish hand-drawn characters, this anime sequel unravels a confusing future-world mystery in which individual life forces reside in various combinations of android and flesh-and-

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# 'Huckabees' heart and depth is in its comedy

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

Writer/director David O. Russell's "I (Heart) Huckabees" seems calculated to annoy approximately 95 percent of the population, starting with newspaper and magazine designers who find themselves obliged to hunt down a heart symbol to insert in the title. It barely has a plot; it's more like a series of oddball comic sketches knitted together with the yarns of various philosophies.

That said, I enjoyed every moment. "Huckabees" is both absurd and densely rich. The mix isn't consistently right — it's fudge truffle ice cream mixed with gummy bears — but it held my attention for every strange moment. If the gents from Monty Python got hold of a Charlie Kaufman script, the results might look something like "Huckabees."

A young environmentalist, Albert Markovski (Jason Schwartzman), is diverted from his calling by an existential crisis. He keeps having random encounters with a striking Sudanese doorman. Somehow, he believes these coincidences are tied to his conflict with Brad Stand (Jude Law), an upwardly mobile executive with a chain store called Huckabees (sort of a Target crossed with Wal-Mart), who has thrown Albert's whole belief system into turmoil.

Huckabees want to build in a marsh and/or meadow that Albert and his environmental coalition are trying to preserve as open space. Brad has no interest in open space, but he's such a smooth-taking huckster that by the time our story begins, he's already charmed Albert into trusting him, infiltrated the coalition and then essentially turned all of the members against Albert. The

meadow is doomed.

To complicate things further, Albert has a mad crush on Brad's girlfriend, Dawn (Naomi Watts), the lithe, leggy spokesmodel for Huckabees. Superficial, plastic, not very bright, Dawn is the last kind of girl Albert should be interested in. His crush is a symbol of how amok his life is.

Which is where the existential detectives come in. Albert hires the husband-and-wife team of Bernard (Dustin Hoffman) and Vivian (Lily Tomlin) to investigate his life. Because he's an underpaid activist, they agree to take his case pro bono.

They also provide him with sort of an existential buddy, another client in crisis, Tommy (Mark Wahlberg, who starred in Russell's "Three Kings") is a fireman who hasn't been quite right "since that September thing." The movie's most vivid, appeal-

ing character, Tommy is struggling with a big question about life's big questions. He wants to know, "Why do people only ask the big questions when something bad happens and then forget about it?" He also considers America's oil consumption beyond disgraceful and has taken to riding a bicycle everywhere, even to fires. In one of the movie's sweeter scenes, he beats the fire truck to a fire and does a little dance of triumph in front of the burning house.

Further along in his "therapy" with Bernard and Vivian, Tommy has grown tired of their position that everything is connected. Of late, he's been reading up on the philosophy of Catherine Vauban (Isabelle Huppert). A former colleague of the existential detectives turned rival, Catherine now preaches her own brand of nihilism. Albert becomes caught be-

tween the conflicting arguments and must work out his own interpretation of the meaning of life.

Phew. The cast sparkles, no one more so than Law, who adroitly handles the American accent and the exquisite shallowness of Brad. It's difficult to say whether he and Wahlberg give the best performances or whether their characters are simply the ones Russell was willing to put on longer leashes. The wickedly funny Tomlin, for instance, seems enveloped by the material, while Hoffman appears too undone by his mortifying, floppy Beatle-style wig to do much.

It's also hard to tell whether Russell (who also directed the madcap "Flirting With Disaster" and the incest-comedy "Spanking the Monkey") really wanted profundity from "Huckabees." If so, he missed the mark. You can find more thoughtful mind games

## REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "I (Heart) Huckabees"  
■ **STARRING:** Dustin Hoffman, Isabelle Huppert, Jude Law, Jason Schwartzman, Lily Tomlin, Mark Wahlberg  
■ **RATING:** R (language, sex scene)  
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 43 minutes  
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at theaters  
■ **GRADE:** B+

— with heart — in the scripts for "Adaptation" year's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Take "Huckabees," invitation to play guage, with heady comedy the stuff you learned about in Philosophy 101, should find exactly you

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## Reviews

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blood reaped. Those coming to the Japanese cartoon series cold will detect unmistakable echoes of "I, Robot," the "Matrix" movies and "Resident Evil." — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

■ **"GOING UPRIVER: THE LONG WAR OF JOHN KERRY":** George Butler's documentary zeroes in on John Kerry's service during the Vietnam War, and his involvement in Vietnam Veterans Against the War once he returned home. Butler builds a portrait through conversations with people who served with Kerry, people who went to college with him and relatives. — R. Moore. (PG-13: disturbing images of war, some dialogue.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

■ **"HERO":** This historical fable and soulful contemplation is like an epic poem, taking us back a couple of millennia to China's "Warring States" period. The story quickly zeroes in on a mysterious swordsman (Jet Li) known only as "Nameless" who is brought before the king of Qin as the hero who killed the three most feared assassins in the realm. Visually stunning. — T. Mastrand. (PG-13: stylized martial arts violence, a scene of sensuality.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

■ **"LADDER 49":** The career of veteran Baltimore fireman Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) plays out in flashbacks while he is trapped in a burning building. The movie fits from the present, as Jack's mentor, Fire Chief Mike Kennedy (John Travolta), directs a rescue effort, to Jack's first day on the job, his triumphant first fire and his family life with Linda (Jacinda Barrett) and their two children. — D. Germain. (PG-13: profanity, fire-scene violence.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

■ **"THE LAST SHOT":** This Hollywood satire has a surreal sense of humor as it follows wannabe director Steven Schatz (Matthew Broderick), who thinks he's finally getting his big break when a pro-

ducer offers up his dream picture, "Arizona." Except that the movie is being shot in Providence, R.I., and it's not really a movie at all. Steven is actually a pawn in a federal mob sting; the "producer" is an FBI agent (Alec Baldwin). — C. Lemire. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C

■ **"MARIA FULL OF GRACE":** A compelling, lyrical and highly accomplished debut feature by writer/director Joshua Marston, which puts a human face on one of the more inhumane and despicable aspects of the drug trade, the use of "mules" to transport heroin and cocaine. Through Maria, his heroine, we come to understand how an otherwise innocent young girl would willingly take such a risk. In the title role, serene newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno wins our sympathy. — M. Pols. (R: drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

■ **"THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES":** A subtle and lyrical depiction of a political awakening from director Walter Salles. In 1952, two young men set out from Argentina, intent upon exploring South America via motorcycle. Alberto Granado (the soulful Gael Garcia Bernal) wants to get laid in every small town, his friend Ernesto Guevara de la Serna (the soulful Gael Garcia Bernal) wants adventure. Ultimately what they find is a connection to the continent's poor, put-upon and displaced people. By the end, the roots of revolution had found the man who would become "Che" Guevara. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

■ **"MR. 3000":** Boasting an attitude, Milwaukee Brewers slugger Sam Ross (Bernie Mac) quit during the '95 pennant race, after his 3,000th hit ensured him, he thought, a place in the Baseball Hall of Fame. A decade later, though, he still hasn't made the cut, since sportswriters loathe him. A routine record check uncovers that three hits from one game were erroneously credited to Ross. To save his rep, he must go back to a much younger, even more resentful Brewers dugout. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, sex.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

■ **"RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE":** Zombies have been unleashed on the fictional Raccoon City by an evil corporation, leaving babatistic Milla Jovovich and a few other plucky survivors to fight three vigorous foes: the undead, some slimy demons and a plus-sized humanoid with a rocket launcher. You might not know it from the numberless title, but "Apocalypse" is a sequel to "Resident Evil." — C. Hewitt. (R: partial nudity, violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

■ **"SHARK TALE":** An animated underwater tale for kids. Sound familiar? But this tressome DreamWorks concoction has none of the heart and soul of "Finding Nemo." The story is structured around yet another "Godfather" parody, featuring Robert De Niro as the head shark "Analyse This" and "That" weren't enough? who rules the reef. Every sea creature has been anthropomorphized into something recognizable from pop culture, and the fish shop at "The Gup" and drink "Coral Cola." Yuck. Will Smith voices the most irritating fish in the sea, a braggart named Oscar. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language, crude humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C-

■ **"SHAUN OF THE DEAD":** A thoroughly juvenile and often entertaining "rom zom com" — which is to say, a romantic zombie comedy. Appliance salesman Shaun (co-writer Simon Pegg) gets dumped by his girl (Kate Ashfield) because he never goes anywhere but to the same bar, and his odious friend Ed (Nick Frost) is always around. The next day, there's a zombie invasion in North London, and Shaun gets a chance to prove his love by putting his life on the line to save his girl. Goofy and gross, it's a cross between "28 Days Later" and "Wayne's World." — M. Pols. (R: zombie violence/gore and language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

■ **"SILVER CITY":** A dispirited political satire from John Sayles, revolving around Dickie Pilager, a gubernatorial candidate in Colorado (Chris Cooper) who seems modeled on George W. Bush. While filming a television ad meant to show how

environmentally friendly he is, the candidate hooks a corpse on his fishing line. His Karl Rove-like campaign manager calls in a private investigator (Danny Huston) to see if Dickie's enemies are behind it. As is always the case with Sayles' movies, the cast is first-rate, but the movie often feels like a lecture, and by the time the film limps to a conclusion that suggests politics in this day and age are absolutely hopeless, we've lost interest. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. B-

■ **"SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW":** This sci-fi, 1930s-style adventure film is all shot on blue screen; no sets, no locations, just the actors, a few props and tons of computer work to fill in the picture later. Advance publicity indicated that this innovation was the greatest thing since sliced bread, but really, who cares? The plot is standard action/adventure stuff, right out of " Raiders," with bad Germans threatening the world. What makes the film exceptional are the performances of Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow, playing our hero and his lady love, a nosy reporter. Their chemistry, not the visuals, gives fight to "Sky Captain." — M. Pols. (PG: sequences of stylized sci-fi violence and brief mild language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

■ **"TAXI":** Jimmy Fallon plays Washburn, a cop who is such a lousy driver he loses his driver's license. That's where Omer Latifah comes in, as a cabbie named Belle who's a great driver with a souped-up taxi. After Washburn persuades her to drive him around, the two of them take on the city's latest menace, a gang of Brazilian bank robbers who look like supermodels. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: language, sensuality, brief violence.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

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**THE ASHBY STAGE** — "ReOrient 2004," Oct. 15 through Oct. 24. The sixth annual festival of short plays exploring the Middle East. Featured works include a play by MacArthur Genius Award recipient Naomi Wallace, plays exploring the news coverage of the war in Iraq and imagining the last moments of the victims of the attacks on September 11th, and premieres from Turkish, Iranian and Armenian playwrights. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$18 to \$25 general; \$12 to \$25 students and seniors. 510-986-9194 or [www.goldenthread.org](http://www.goldenthread.org)

"Dog Act" by Liz Duffy Adams, closing Oct. 10. A humorous musical fable about competition, betrayal and unstable seasons in a post-apocalyptic world. Presented by Shotgun Players. Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m. Donations.

1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

**AURORA THEATRE** — "The Persians," closing Oct. 10. An adaptation by Ellen McLaughlin of the Greek playwright Aeschylus' first-hand account of the heroism and tragedy of the Persian Wars.

\$36 to \$45. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.org](http://www.auroratheatre.org)

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Oct. 10, 7 p.m.: Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St., Oakland. With special guest Julia Butterfly Hill. \$10 general; \$5 students. 510-273-2473 or [www.ayadeleon.com](http://www.ayadeleon.com)

Oct. 15, 8 p.m.: La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. A recording party with live music. \$10 general; \$5 students. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

Oct. 16, 8 p.m.: Jahva House, 1428 Alameda St., Oakland. \$7. 510-836-5282 or [www.ayadeleon.com](http://www.ayadeleon.com)

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Oct. 29, 8 p.m.: First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland. With special guest Farai Chideya. \$10. 510-273-2473 or [www.ayadeleon.com](http://www.ayadeleon.com)

**BERKELEY CITY CLUB** — "A Step Away" by Myrna Holden, Oct. 16 through Nov. 21. This play about modern love explores the depths of guilt and desire. Presented by Central Works Theater Ensemble.

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\$50 to \$125. 1933 Broadway, Oakland. 510-444-4755 or [www.stagebridge.org](http://www.stagebridge.org)

**THEATREFIRST** — "Joe Egg" by Peter Nichols, closing Oct. 17. A dark comedy about a couple trying to make life bearable while they cope with their severely impaired daughter, using games and make-believe.

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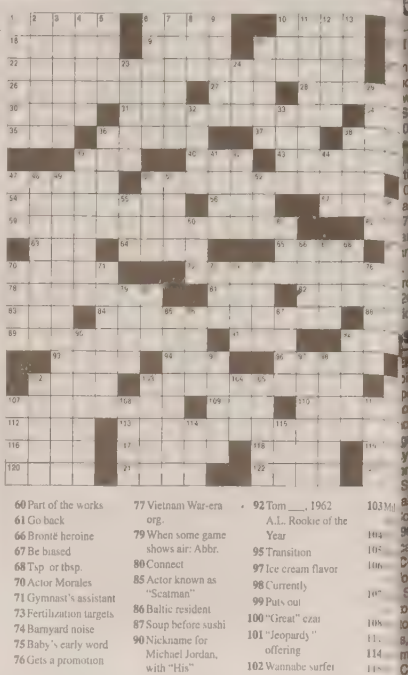
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57 In utero  
59 Book that's a paean to a painter?  
62 River of Lyon  
63 Shock's partner  
64 Year in Italy  
65 Bandleader Flock  
69 Ref's call  
70 Dubai dignitaries  
72 Diet and exercise book for the upper legs?  
78 Is content with not taking any action  
81 \_\_\_\_ Appia  
82 Carefully distributed  
83 Cry of contentment  
84 Book about the National Hockey League?  
88 Lets the fingers do the talking?  
89 Shredded  
91 Chiang \_\_\_\_ shek  
92 Monthly bill: Abbr.  
93 Best sellers  
94 Exciting periods in the N.B.A.  
96 Leaves a mark on  
99 Org. that does studies  
102 "Take one!"  
103 Book about a female that a married gender fooled around with?



**DOWN**  
1 Big name in 1980's TV talk  
2 One who doesn't just stay  
3 They're followed 4 \_\_\_\_ say more?  
5 Was in old Rome  
6 Morse  
7 Tropicana Field \_\_\_\_ locale, informally  
8 Prefix with flop or pop  
9 Appear corrupt  
10 Green squares  
11 Remove along a track  
12 A little advance work  
13 Suffix with trick  
14 Auto extra

106 Members of a span  
107 Sudden descent of water  
109 Miracle \_\_\_\_  
110 Some stockings  
112 Jim Davis dog  
113 Book about a mutiny?  
116 Van Eyck and Vermeer  
117 Home with a view  
118 What's needed for a Teutonic tango  
119 Reason \_\_\_\_  
120 Long ones are risky  
121 Locker  
122 Small change?  
123 Arafat of the P.L.O.

60 Part of the works  
61 Go back  
66 Bronze heroine  
67 Be based  
68 Typ or thsp.  
70 Actor Morales  
71 Gymnast's assistant  
73 Fertilization targets  
74 Barnyard noise  
75 Baby's early word  
76 Gets a promotion

77 Vietnam War-era org.  
79 When some game shows air: Abbr.  
80 Connect  
85 Actor known as "Scatman"  
86 Baltic resident  
87 Soup before sushi  
90 Nickname for Michael Jordan, with "His"  
92 Tom \_\_\_\_ 1962  
93 A.L. Rookie of the Year  
95 Transition  
97 Ice cream flavor  
98 Currently  
99 Put out  
100 "Great" czar  
101 "Jeopardy" offering  
102 Warmabe surfer

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — Branford Marsalis Quartet, Miguel Zenon Quartet, Pianist Joey Calderazzo, Oct. 12, 8 p.m. \$24 to \$46  
Chava Alberstein, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. \$22 to \$38.

Zellerbach Hall, University of California at Berkeley, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu)

**COFFEE FOR THOUGHT** — Terry Kelly, Oct. 8.  
Paul Manosous, Oct. 14  
Earl J and Friends, Oct. 15  
"Live Music Jam Night," Tuesdays

Free. Shows begin at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 1544 Webster St., Alameda. 510-769-4930 or [www.coffeeforthought.net](http://www.coffeeforthought.net)

**DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT** — Scott Amendola Trio, Oct. 8  
John Pisano Quartet, Oct. 9  
Peter Barshay and Marcos Silva, Oct. 12

Brian Kane, Oct. 14.  
"Lava Smith Jazz Supper Club Event" featuring Allen Smith, Oct. 15.  
Michael Zilber Quartet, Oct. 16  
Niles Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through October.

Free. Music begins Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-3810 or 510-597-0633

**FELLOWSHIP CAFE AND OPEN MIKE** — Maxina Ventura, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. \$5 to \$10. Fellowship Hall, Cedar and Bonita streets, Berkeley. 510-540-0898

**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Caren Armstrong, Oct. 8. \$15.50 to \$16.50  
Lost Weekend, Oct. 9. \$17.50 to \$18.50  
Bill Staines, Oct. 10. \$16.50 to \$17.50.  
Saaz Afghan Ensemble, Oct. 11. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Kaki King, Oct. 13. \$17.50 to \$18.50.  
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Melissa Crabtree" featuring Rebecca Riots, Rachel Garlin and Shelley Doty Oct. 14. \$17.50 to \$18.50  
David Mallett, Oct. 15. \$16.50 to \$17.50  
Barry and Alice Olivier, Oct. 16. \$16.50 to \$17.50

Austin Lounge Lizards, Oct. 17. \$18.50 to \$19.50.  
Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761. (866) 468-3399 or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)

**GREEK THEATRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY** — R.E.M., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.

\$45 to \$75. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, (415) 421-TIXS, [www.cc.com](http://www.cc.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**HAAS PAVILION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY** — Bob Dylan, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

\$35. Dana Court and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. [www.bgp.com](http://www.bgp.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**JAZZSCHOOL** — Paula West, Oct. 9, 8 p.m. \$22  
Wild Mango, Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m. \$15  
"Spice of Life Festival," Oct. 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

Dick Hindman Trio, Fridays through October, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$18.  
2087 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-845-

5373 or [www.jazzschool.com](http://www.jazzschool.com)

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Braxton Brothers Oct. 8 and Oct. 9. \$15  
Euge Groove, Oct. 15 through Oct. 17. \$28.

Unless otherwise noted, concerts begin Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS, 510-658-2555. [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or [www.kimbals.com](http://www.kimbals.com)

**LA PENNA CULTURAL CENTER** — Corazon Sur, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$15  
Asheba's Family Vibe Band, Oct. 9, 9 p.m. \$12

The End-Dependence Collective, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. \$10.  
Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. \$16 to \$18  
Domingo de Rumba, Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m. Free.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

**924 GILMAN ST.** — S.T.F.U., Disclose, Voetsek, John the Baker and the Malnourished, Dissonance, Oct. 8  
Akimbo, Hot Cross, Zann, Takaru, Paper Lanterns, Oct. 9. \$6  
Ludica, Yell, Asunder, Stormcrow, Oct. 10, 5 p.m.

Plan 9, The Deep Eynde, S.M.D., Hep

510-451-1932 or [www.oaklandbox.com](http://www.oaklandbox.com)

**SHATTUCK DOWN LOW** — Funk Council, Oct. 8. \$7  
For ages 21 and older. 2284 Ave., Berkeley. 510-548

[www.shattuckdownlow.org](http://www.shattuckdownlow.org)

**THE STARRY PLOUGH** — Poltz, Oct. 8. \$12  
Monkey, Shitoutta! Oct. 9  
ThaMuseMeant, Baby Gray

Gravy, Oct. 14. \$10  
Jello Biafra, Daphne Gottlieb, Oct. 15. \$7.  
86 The Band, Bermuda Triangle, Wensler Willigan, Oct. 16

For ages 21 and over unless noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.

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10 p.m. Oct. 11 \$10  
...Gambani, Oct. 12 \$8 to \$12.  
...and the Tantor Conclave, Oct.  
13 to \$16  
...Sanchez Quintet, Oct. 14 through  
17, \$16 to \$20.  
...are Monday through Saturday, 8  
and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and  
...unless otherwise noted. 510-  
...Oakland, 510-430-  
...www.yoshis.com or  
...ticketweb.com

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**PERFORMANCES** — Rudolf  
...Oct. 10 3 p.m. The pi  
...performs a program of works by  
...and Schumann. \$46.  
...String Quartet, Oct. 17, 3 p.m.  
...program of works by Mozart, Davi-  
...and Schubert. There will be a  
...concert talk at 2 p.m. by violinist  
...enberg \$38.  
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...College Avenue, Berkeley 510-  
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**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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...Blessing Song, Oct. 8, 7:15  
...to 8:30 p.m. An evening of pa-  
...sing for women, with  
...runds and traditional and  
...mporary songs. \$10 to \$15.  
...Channing Way, Berkeley 510-  
...or www.betsyrosemusic.org  
**PLAN SEKAR JAYA** — "25th An-  
...Celebration," Oct. 9, 2 p.m.  
...formance of Balinese gamelan  
...at a privately owned am-  
...ter in the East Bay hills.

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www.gsj.org  
**JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE**  
**ARTS** — "Pinceladas," Oct. 8, 8 p.m.  
An evening of Spanish dance and  
opera by Grupo Andanza.  
\$30 general. \$28 Students and seniors  
2640 College Ave. Berkeley 510-845-  
8542 or www.juliamorgan.org  
**MILLS COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES**  
— "Shevachuzim," Oct. 11 7:30 p.m. A  
German duo featuring composers  
Boris Baltschun (electronics) and  
Serge Baghdassarians (guitar, elec-  
tronics). In the Ensemble Room. Free.  
Warner Bartschi, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. The pi-  
anist performs a program of works by  
Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms, Ul-  
rich Gasser, Werner Bartschi and  
Liszt. \$12 general; \$5 seniors.  
Concert Hall, Mills College, 5000  
MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 510-430-  
2296.

**MUSIC SOURCES** — "Dance Through  
Time," Oct. 17, 5 p.m. A baroque  
dance party. Artists Carol Houser  
Cavajal and Carlos Ventura teach the  
Gavotte. For all ages. A reception fol-  
lows. \$18 general; \$15 students and  
seniors. 1000 The Alameda at Marin,  
Berkeley 510-528-1685.  
**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH** — "A Saturday Morning Se-  
ries" with The Alexander String Quar-  
tet and Composer Robert Greenberg,  
through Oct. 23. This series, pre-  
sented by San Francisco Perform-  
ances and titled "Papa Joe and  
Wolfgang," explores Mozart's six so-  
called "Haydn" quartets as well as two  
of Haydn's own quartets. Greenberg  
will discuss the featured piece and the  
quartet will provide musical examples,  
followed by a performance of each  
work in its entirety. The programs be-  
gin at 10 a.m. \$30 per performance;  
\$107 for the four-performance series.  
(415) 392-2545 or www.perfor-  
mances.org  
Oct. 9: Mozart's "Quartet in B-flat Major,  
K. 458" and "Quartet in A Major, K.  
464."

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of every month. Performances on the  
Brombaugh organ to celebrate its  
25th anniversary. Donation requested.  
Oct. 17, 4 p.m.: David R. Hunsberger  
performs works by J.S. Bach 2727  
College Ave. Berkeley 510-845-6830  
or www.stjohns.presbychurch.net  
**SAN FRANCISCO BACH CHOIR** —  
Oct. 16 8 p.m. The choir performs  
J.S. Bach's "Mass in B Minor."  
\$22 to \$30 general; \$15 to \$18 stu-  
dents. First Congregational Church,  
2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (415)  
441-4942 or www.sfbach.org

## DANCE

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — Bale Fol-  
clórico de Bahia, Oct. 7 and Oct. 8, 8  
p.m. A performance of "Brazilian  
Rhapsody," a repertoire of folkloric  
dances with African, European and in-  
digenous influences. \$22 to \$42.  
Bale Folclórico de Bahia Schoolltime  
Performance Oct. 8 11 a.m. Reserva-  
tions required. \$3 per student or adult  
chaperone.  
"Gods, Goddesses and Ancestors: Mu-  
sic, Dance and Rituals of Kerala, India,"  
Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Ancient ritual dances  
from the southern Indian state of Kerala

are performed to the accompaniment  
of traditional instruments. \$22 to \$42.  
"Gods, Goddesses and Ancestors: Mu-  
sic, Dance and Rituals of Kerala, In-  
dia" Schoolltime Performance, Oct. 18,  
11 a.m. Reservations required. \$3 per  
student or adult chaperone. \$10 per  
adult. UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way  
and Telegraph Avenue. 510-845-1685  
or www.betsyrosemusic.org  
"IMAGINING A MAP OF THE WORLD"  
— Oct. 17 Oct. 23 and Oct. 31 11 a.m.

to noon. Choreographer Evangel King  
performs a solo dance performance with  
a video installation in her outdoor gar-  
den. \$7 to \$15. 1374 Francisco St.,  
Berkeley 510-841-9441 or 510-549-5119  
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AE	American Express	\$	Entrées under \$7
CB	Carte Blanche	\$	\$7-\$14
DC	Diners Club	\$	\$15-\$20
DS	Discover Card	\$	\$20+
MC	MasterCard		
VS	Visa	FB	Full Bar
AC	All Cards accepted	RR	Reservations recommended
CA	Checks accepted	W	Wheelchair access

**Cesare's Fine Italian Cuisine**  
2820 Mountain Blvd., Oakland (510) 531-9400  
Cesare's is a long established, fine dining restaurant serving Italian Cuisine to Oakland/East Bay families for over 25 years. Located across from the Mormon Temple and Greek Orthodox Church landmarks, and 1 mile from Montclair Village. Owners Doris and Oscar are in their 7th year of service and take great pride in offering specialties such as tender Pork Ossobucco, Italian Pot Roast, Veal Scaloppini and Homemade Cannelloni Alla Romana. They offer a full bar that opens at 4:00 p.m. and Dining at 5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays. Banquet facilities for wedding rehearsals, meetings or birthdays are welcome VS, MC, AE

**Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant**  
300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621  
Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.

**Sushi House**  
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**Speisekammer**  
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...writer John Birdsall at jw...  
...nearthink.net

SERVICE/  
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**SE LEVEL:** The tile floor ensures everyone's conversation bounces...  
...the dining room's open, loftlike space — but you won't quite find your...  
...ing to be heard.

**OOD:** Emeryville architect Robert McGillis has turned this storefront (for...  
...a slow-ceilinged Chinese restaurant) into a wide-open contemporary...  
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...posed by Catholic priests to...  
...religion to Indians.

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...objects and variations...  
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...in the form of a smiling...  
...an image first used in...  
...in the 17th century),...  
...woven boxes, famil-

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...that's just the end of the...  
...about how Gene Kahane...  
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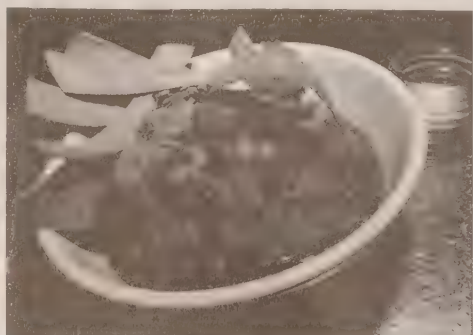
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...through a vacant lot and...  
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...sight it was a good idea, and...  
...we are ....

...Beyond the challenge of dig...  
...real holes, Gene says, the...  
...duction includes a mountain...  
...the climbed and pigs — well...  
...died porkers and kids in pig



**FOOD RUNNER** Daniel Tarango helps make sure guests' dinners are delivered promptly at bendean on Solano Avenue in Berkeley. Our reviewer visited the restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 23.



**NIMAN RANCH** pork rojo, hominy, guacamole, cilantro.

## FOOD

4 forks (overall value rating of our visit out of a possible 5)

■ **CUISINE:** Chef Lance Dean Velasquez's signature eclectic style (with rustic Mediterranean roots) feels thoroughly American.

■ **PRICES:** \$\$\$ (\$ for the \$12 three-course early-bird special, called "ben's supper," available from 5-6 p.m. every night the restaurant is open).

■ **HOME RUN:** Niman Ranch pork rojo, hominy, guacamole, cilantro.

■ **STRIKEOUT:** Desserts.

■ **VEGETARIAN:** There's always an interesting vegetarian entree, and at least one meatless starter, on the small, changing menu.

■ **KIDS MENU:** No separate menu — but there's a simple mac and cheese (\$5), actually a classic cheese pasta in a simple cream sauce. Velasquez says he'd like to en-

courage kids to eat the same foods as their parents — but in case you need a backup plan, side orders of french fries (\$3.50/\$6) come in two sizes.

■ **DESSERTS:** All housemade, and not nearly as polished as the rest of the menu. Sorbets are smooth-textured, but so sweet the fruit is obscured; a coconut layer cake is clunky, though the pool of caramel sauce next to it is luscious.

■ **FREEBIES:** None.

■ **BEVERAGES:** An interesting short list of wine and beer.

■ **CHECK:** \$117.43; three starters, three entrees, three sides, two desserts.

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HILLS NEWSPAPERS  
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## Rotary Club of Alameda 2004 Fundraiser Dinner, Auction & Grand Affair

Help Rotary of Alameda help our community. This year much like the coming years will be very trying for non-profits on the island. Please join the Rotary Club of Alameda as we are trying to continue the ongoing funding for non-profits such as:

- Alameda Council Of The Boy Scouts of America
- Alameda Education Foundation
- Alameda Head Start
- Alameda High School Paper
- Alameda Homeless Network
- Alameda Meals on Wheels
- Alameda Point Collaborative
- Alameda Red Cross
- Alameda Science and Technology Institute
- Armed Services YMCA - United States Coast Guard
- Cal-Safe
- Chipman Middle School Program
- Dreamcatcher Emergency Youth Center and Support Center
- Encinal High School College and Career Center
- Encinal High School Lunch Time Book Club
- Lincoln Middle School English Language Learners
- Smart Healthy Babies Home Visit Program
- Tri-High Health Services
- Alameda Boys & Girls Club

With your help the above non-profits will continue to receive community grants from Rotary of Alameda.

Saturday, October 23rd, 6pm  
Sequoyah Country Club  
4550 Heafey Road, Oakland

Tickets \$125 per person. Black Tie optional

100% of the auction proceeds go to Rotary Club of Alameda Community Grants

...iar molinillos for stirring...  
...chocolate (including an elegant...  
...version collected in the early...  
...1940s), and an intricate mosaic...  
...of the Virgin of Guadalupe...  
...made from slivers of dyed...  
...broomstraw.

This is a relatively modest...  
...exhibit, but it illustrates cura...  
...tor Jacknis' point that Mexican...  
...folk art is diverse, influenced...  
...by a number of cultures, and...  
...ever-changing. A stunning...  
...burnished blackware ceramic...  
...water jar from Oaxaca is made...  
...in a style developed in the...  
...1950s, but the basic process...  
...dates from pre-Columbian...  
...times.

A set of 19 earthenware fig...  
...ures that dramatize a gather...  
...ing for a wake (including a...  
...corpse that appears to be...  
...amused) is also from Oaxaca...  
...in the 1950s. But the design...  
...is based on traditional incense...  
...burners.

Then there's the Olmec-style...  
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...duced from 100 to 500 B.C. Cu...  
...rators came to a more specific...  
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...from the "Tapia brothers of...  
...Taxco, Guerrero, noted makers...  
...of Olmec fakes."

Jacknis said it's difficult to...  
...make generalized statements...  
...about "Mexican folk art," be-

cause Mexican culture is so di...  
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...nese and Japanese elements in...  
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...Guadalajara specializes in po...  
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...exquisitely handmade and...  
...hand-thrown, he said.

Since the museum was...  
...founded at the university 103...  
...years ago, its Mexican collec...  
...tions of ethnographic objects...  
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...run.

Many of the objects were...  
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...seum itself.

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Gene began to direct plays...  
...especially Shakespeare, when...  
...he was a middle school drama...  
...teacher. He got involved with...  
...the Alameda Children's Musi...  
...cal Theatre several years ago...  
...when his students invited him...  
...to see them perform. Then his...  
...own children got involved, one...  
...thing led to another, he ended...  
...up on the board of directors and...  
...began to direct shows for...  
...ACMT.

The children's musical theater...  
...has been around for 21 years and...  
...has served as a great training...  
...ground for the kids who have...  
...gone on to perform in high...  
...school and local community the-

aters.

And that's the "hole" story of...  
...an innovative director who...  
...found a way to put on a play by...  
...ignoring the difference between...  
...a theater and a hole(s) in the...  
...ground.

"Holes" runs about two hours...  
...with an intermission.

"We anticipate seating about...  
...100 people," Gene says, "so mak...  
...ing reservations is a good idea...  
...As for a stage, we will raise the...  
...audience and use the good old...  
...dirt for our stage."

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# Arts & Leisure

Friday, October 8, 2004

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

### Velasquez keeps it simple in Berkeley

By John Birdsall  
(CORRESPONDENT)

The chefs I like best don't dazzle with towers of luxury ingredients dripping with reductions and essences. The chefs I like best compose simple dishes that shine with little details, dishes you think you've tasted a hundred times before but that end up surprising in quiet ways, bite by bite, as you eat them.

Lance Dean Velasquez is one of my favorite chefs. His new North Berkeley restaurant (bendean is a fusion of Velasquez's middle name with the first name of his son, 8-year-old Ben) is his most personal yet: Nearly every dish is suffused with Velasquez's personality and skill, showing just how sophisticated simple dishes can be. Even his ubiquitous use of lowercase type — both in the restaurant's name and in the menu copy — is an assertion that this is a quiet place, with determinedly quiet food. Consider one of the starters from Velasquez's small, changing menu. It's called "acme toast, chopped heirloom tomato, creme fraiche, sea salt (\$9)" — a grocery list of ingredients, so nondescript I almost don't order it. When the waiter refers to it as "bruschetta," I gird myself, mentally, for a couple of grilled croutons heaped with hashed tomatoes.

But Velasquez's bruschetta is nothing like my expectation. Instead, it's an exuberant little salad of greens, big hunks of heirloom and whole cherry tomatoes, topped with a crisscross of bias-cut baguette toasts. The thing unfolds on the plate. Those toasts, for example: They haven't just been crisped up in the oven, they've been fried slowly in olive oil pressed with a weight, to end up halfway between deliciously chewy and deliciously crunchy. That creme fraiche: It enriches an unctuous vinaigrette, laced with a spoonful of something piquant — mustard or anchovy — to ground it.

And those tomatoes. In season, heirlooms are ubiquitous — even Safeway sells them, for goodness' sake. But how many disappointing heirlooms did you taste this season, heirlooms with tough skins and seedy insides, the flesh watery, tart or cloying? Velasquez's heirlooms restore your faith. That big hunk of golden tomato on the plate: It's tender, with just the right balance of sugar and acid, and a perfume that suggests the smell of crushed tomato leaves.

Velasquez receives a lot of his produce from Terra Sonoma, a boutique distributor in Sebastopol that represents some of the best (and least commercial) small farms in the Bay Area. Turns out those tomatoes are from Kendall-Jackson's wine center in Santa Rosa, from its demonstration garden.

A rock-solid foundation of excellent ingredients is what makes Velasquez's simple dishes so good. A vegetarian stew — French lentils, summer squash, Gypsy peppers, curried apples, cucumber raita (\$15) — could easily fall flat. But sweet slices of yellow squash and squares of roasted pepper make it distinctive, keep you interested spoonful after spoonful, straining to taste what's next.

One of Velasquez's signature dishes — Niman Ranch pork rojo, hominy, guacamole, cilantro (\$16.50) — tastes better at bendean than the last time I tasted it at Home, the bustling San Francisco restaurant where he spent the past few years as executive chef. Velasquez's Mexican-style pork stew is a study in layering: the richness of long-cooked pork and smooth-textured dried pozole (not the chalky canned variety) posed within a bright-tasting chile puree. This is seriously elegant comfort food. I could keep going on praising these dishes — quail, black mission fig jam and lemon goat cheese cream (\$10) is nothing less than the definitive quail salad.

Velasquez falters only when his attention lags. Enormous white beans flavo the otherwise delicious coriander-crusted Oregon king

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THIS SALTILLO-STYLE SARAPE is attributed to Coahuila, Mexico, 1840-1880, while the mask and the earthenware figures below are dated around 1969 and 1958, respectively. The sterling silver sombrero from the early 20th century is 18-20 inches wide.

## Mexican treasures a cultural excursion

**D**ON'T BE DAUNTED by "Tesoros Escondidos: Hidden Treasures from the Mexican Collections" at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology on the UC Berkeley campus. The 250 objects in the exhibit, rarely seen by the public, do provide a cultural history of Mexico. But it's a colorful and often delightful journey from decade to decade, region to region, town to town.

Many of the objects — sarapes, burnished blackware ceramic, dramatic carved masks — will look familiar, and for good reason: The museum's goal is to document the full range of a culture, including what we might call "folk art."

What the museum's curators and field workers can do, however, is collect the very best folk-art objects and provide perspectives on their style and history.

"We try to do what an art museum does, and more," said Ira Jacknis, a research anthropologist who is curator of the exhibition.

"There is room for the most beautiful, the most intricate, the most elaborate, and some things in the exhibit are really knockout examples of Mexican art," he said. "But at the museum we also have spoons and dishes and simple things. We're a place of record, trying to describe the objects that people make, and the cultures that give rise to those objects."

Most of the objects in this exhibit date from the second half of the 20th century, but among the "knockouts" Jacknis describes



ROBERT TAYLOR  
In the Galleries

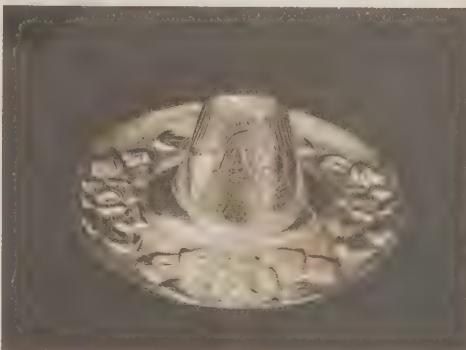
### EXHIBIT

■ **PHOEBE A. HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY:** "Tesoros Escondidos: Hidden Treasures from the Mexican Collections," through June 26, Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, UC Berkeley campus. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays; \$1-\$4, under 12 free, everyone free on Thursdays, 510-643-7648, <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu>. Gallery text and labels available in Spanish as well as English.

■ **EVENTS:** "Family Day: Celebrating the Folk Arts of Mexico," 1-4 p.m. Sunday, free with museum admission; folk dance and music by Los Sonereros de la Bahia, Mexican-themed marionette show by Gato Colorado Puppet Theater, traditional paper-cutting and paper flower workshop.

Lunchtime lectures, noon-1 p.m., free with admission: Curator Ira Jacknis on the museum's century of Mexican collecting, Oct. 21; William Taylor on images of devotion in colonial Mexico, Nov. 18; Virginia Davis on the history of the rebozo shawl, "the flag of Mexico," Dec. 2.

are intricately woven, boldly colored Saltillo-style sarapes made in the mid-1800s. "They are considered the finest Latin American textiles of their time," Jacknis



said. The museum has 30 of the 300 known to exist.

Another remarkable object is a metal sombrero that, in photographs, looks like an ash-tray-size souvenir. But it turns out to be handmade of sterling silver, with a brim 18-20 inches wide, intricately shaped. It probably dates from the revival of the Mexican silver industry in the 1920s, but curators

know almost nothing about it. Despite the anthropological research, many items in the exhibit retain an air of mystery.

The exhibit opens with a small collection of ancient objects, including the much-imitated male and female figures that might have been made originally to be placed in tombs.

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## Director discovers unique setting for 'Holes'

■ **Alameda Children's Musical Theatre stages production of modern fable on vacant lot**

By Jack Tucker  
STAFF WRITER

It seems odd, considering his 15 years as a theater person — actor, director, drama teacher — that even to this day, truth be told, Gene Kahane still can't see the difference between a stage set and hole in the ground. Make that "holes." Plural.

Hold it! Please. Put down those torches and pitchforks, especially all you friends and folks at Encinal High School in Alameda where Gene works. Let me explain.

It starts with that former vacant lot on High Street at Van Buren in Alameda across from St. Phillip Neri school.

Beginning tomorrow, that "vacant" lot becomes the setting for Louis Sachar's award-winning children's book "Holes," now a Kahane-directed production of

### PREVIEW

■ **WHO:** Alameda Children's Musical Theatre  
■ **WHAT:** "Holes"  
■ **WHERE:** High Street at Van Buren in Alameda across from St. Phillip Neri  
■ **WHEN:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 9-24  
■ **HOW MUCH:** \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths 17 and under, seniors and military  
■ **CALL:** 510-521-6965

the Alameda Children's Musical Theatre. The play will run Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through Oct. 24.

The play tells the story of a regular kid named Stanley, who is found guilty of a crime he didn't commit. We learn about a curse that has been in his family for several generations. His bad luck lands Stanley in a bizarre correctional camp in a Texas desert.

As punishment, the warden has all of the inmates digging



**APPEARING IN** an unusually staged production of "Holes" are, from left: Karl Anderson, sixth grade at St. Joseph Elementary; Becky Sotello, ninth grade at Encinal High School; Cory Kahane, ninth grade at Encinal High School; and Megan Mitchell, ninth grade at Alameda High School.

holes in a dry lake bed. The story weaves interesting tall tales from Stanley's family and local history. Relationships develop among the juveniles. Along the way, Stanley finds a good friend, treasure and perhaps best of all, good reasons

to like himself.

You may also remember "Holes" as a 2003 Disney film starring Sigourney Weaver as the warden and Jon Voight as Mr. Sir.

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JACK TUCKER  
Community Theater

### 'Joe Egg' m humor, trap

**I**F YOU'RE NOT familiar with "Joe Egg," Nichols' 1967 drama now playing at Mills, the new venue of actor Clive Chafer's Theatre FIRST, don't be put off by sort of cartoony source

Far from simply this is a profound, disingly comic play of opposites, provoking about a subject we'd be prodded to think heart struggles to make Challenging us to lay certitudes and imagine incalculable despair

The dual nature in the emotional push of the story. Bri and mon Vance and Cym Bassham — also his wife in real life) are couple struggling to spastic, incurably braged child, played by Swain, the Joe Egg

(The seemingly name is an old expression the grandmother's about like Joe Egg ing to do. It has no b parents use it in their lighthearted effort to

Bri (for Brian), a puts up a front of jes mask his bewildering at the hopeless situat shredding the family clings to the dream of actually smiling and heartrending to watch play games, comicaly ing various episodes tors and medical esta ments they have eno

They are visited by cardigan-knitting mot played by Wanda Mo and well-meaning frie die (Howard Dillon) to use his influence to suitable institutional for the child, and his (Jessica Powell) who for anything or anyb mal is palpable.

A sterling cast in sync with every actor ing chord gives a swa nance to this importa

The performance TheatreFIRST's new uity Association relat and marks an import toward professional s

Many of us know maelstroms of tragedi delibe theatrical exp can infuse the fortuna gratitude, and with o for those who strugg

"Joe Egg" plays Th through Sundays in Mills College, 5000 W Blvd., Oakland, Call 5085 for times and p

**ENVISION 2004** "BREAK": Envision 20 gram of the Masques house, 105 Park Plac Richmond, presents a this weekend of the premiere of "The Bre Point" by Dean Good

The first reading at the playhouse at 8 followed by Saturday 8 p.m. and the final 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

These are readings staged performances. Bell Ringer is directio nation of \$10 is sugg

If you're ready for spooky in a different tion, here's a peek into

It's the night before giving in a middle-cla Francisco home. Geor Edith Callahan are ex their younger son Ke older son Karl's fianc Christina, and Georg nam buddy, Enrique

The guests arrive blustery rainstorm, o come aware that the ghost in their midst — older brother Karl who ported missing in Ira ago. Is he dead? A PC

Somewhere in this ration of war and its family relations there point and a shocking

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Section D

## Cadillac's Flagship STS Impressive

HERB SHULDNER  
Down the Road

STS is the car that will give Cadillac a new reputation into the world class sedan club," says John "Kip" Wasenko, director of design in the performance division.

The 2005 STS offers a new 3.6-liter V6 engine that has had 80 percent of its moving parts redesigned for better high-speed performance. It also has rear wheel steering making it the first rear wheel steering for Cadillac in 25 years.

STS is designed to have class power, handling, ride and exposure all wrapped up in a sleek exterior to rival the best of the world class sports sedans. STS sports a distinctive design that offers a huge contrast to other Asian competitors. The most difficult car for me to design," Wasenko says.

STS is the latest in a new generation of Cadillacs that grew from the "art and science" Evolve program. Since then a fleet of Cadillac cars that was unveiled in 1999 when it debuted. How-STS design has since become the most mainstream, and in its evolution, does not seem

to be the first Cadillac car with this styling, and the people who saw it, it was loved or hated — mostly loved — when it debuted. How-STS design has since become the most mainstream, and in its evolution, does not seem

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THE 2005 BUICK LACROSSE is an upscale midsize sedan that replaces the Century and Regal

MOTOR MATTERS

## 2005 LaCrosse has potential to make Buick #1 in dependability ratings

Quietly, Buick has climbed into second place in the worldwide dependability rating. After the 2005 LaCrosse gets factored into the equation, Buick might become the world leader.

I use the word "quietly" for a reason. Lexus is the current dependability leader and its products are known for reliability and a quiet ride. That also describes the new LaCrosse; it too, is a high-quality, well constructed sedan with an exceptionally quiet interior — yet not as expensive as a comparable Lexus model.

When the original version of the LaCrosse was submitted to Bob Lutz, chairman of GM North America, he sent the designers and engineers back to the drawing board, insisting on absolute perfection. He wanted this car to have style with clean flowing lines, ride comfort, a quiet interior and a strong engine. That was his mandate; cost was not to be a primary consideration. He made another demand. He wanted a tilt/telescoping steering wheel. The LaCrosse now has that, too.

This sedan has the trademark waterfall grille with soft, smooth

flowing lines running over the hood, down the side and ending at a big Buick emblem on the rear deck. On close inspection, I could see that all the panels have extremely close gap tolerance.

There are three models: CX, CXL and CXS. The CXL is recognizable by its large 17-inch chrome wheels. It also has variable rate steering, a more powerful engine,

and a base price of \$28,995.

Before getting into the driver's seat, I was shown how the underside was constructed using sound-deadening material. Most impressive was the firewall. A demonstration proved that the new firewall material makes very little noise when struck with a hammer while the old steel wall clangs loudly. Also, the use of titanium metal underdash panel improves the car's rigidity.

What little noise might get into the passenger compartment is absorbed with the premium materials

used in the carpeting and the headliner pads. That's how come I wasn't surprised when, while driving over bumpy roads, I was able to talk in a low voice and still be heard by passengers both front and rear.

Elegant is the only way to describe the entire interior. A wood grain panel runs across the dash with a modest touch of chrome accent. Instrumentation is simple and very easy to understand and operate. There's plenty of seat and legroom for all five passengers (a

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# Snazzy classic 1954 Hudson Hornet racking up the mileage

MOTOR MATTERS

Allen Lewis grew up in a Hudson family. Along about the time he was starting school, his father brought home a green-and-gold 1954 Hudson Hornet four door sedan. That was the family car for four or five years. "I always liked that car," he recalls. Lewis had no idea that almost three decades later he would be drawn to visit another low slung 1954 Hudson Hornet. It was on June 4th, 1988 that Lewis went to Glenn Dale, Md., just to look at a Hudson Hornet. It was painted the same green-and-gold of his dad's car, but instead of four doors it was would be the snazzier two door coupe. It was love at first sight and he bought it that day. After a quick check of the fluids he turned the key and drove the sleek 3,570-pound coupe to his home in Bluemont, Va., with the 308-cubic-inch, 170-horsepower, six-cylinder engine purring like a kitten. The trip home was made with no hiccups. The second owner simply wouldn't part with them, but Lewis thought at the time that it wouldn't be difficult to find authentic Hudson replacements.

Lewis did some research and found out that the original owner of his Hudson lived in Washington, D.C. and that the Hornet sold new with a base price of \$2,742. The second owner had purchased the car at an estate sale in 1975. At that time the odometer had recorded a total of only 30,000 miles in 21 years of service.

The body color matched the green and gold of the car he remembered from his youth, but the

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top was a light green that he truly disliked. The first thing he did was to paint the top of the car black. Moths had found their way into the car and done their damage, forcing Lewis took his time to find the right material to match the original so that he could reupholster the 5-foot 2.25-inch-wide interior and have it look right. But in less than a year of use the engine began to knock. With only 65,000 miles on the odometer a rebuild was in order. He rebuilt the engine in 1989 and during the next decade he lovingly maintaining his Hudson in splendid driving condition. After a dozen years of fruitless searching, Lewis returned to the previous owner — and for a stiff price — purchased the wheel covers he had once thought would be so easily replaced.

With his wedding date set for autumn of 2000, Lewis toyed with the idea of selling his Hudson. It was at a point where he would have to put some serious money into it. But his bride-to-be, Wendy, encouraged him to stay the course, after all, many of their dates had been in that car. Consequently, he installed an aftermarket 12-volt air conditioner that he converted to work with the original Hudson six-volt electrical system in the car.

With the now smooth running twin H-Power engine and air conditioning, the couple took their honeymoon trip in the comfort and

style of their step-down design 1954 Hudson Hornet. And indeed the car provided wonderful service. With a 124 inch wheelbase, soft springs, and 17 feet, 4.5 inch overall length the Hudson gave a featherbed-ride. And even with that lengthy wheelbase the 5 foot tall Hudson can be turned in a circle, to the right, of 20 feet, 5 inches, and a circle, to the left, of 21 feet, 2 inches, which is better than most new cars can do today. The more than \$400 worth of (at 1954 prices) extra-cost accessories on the car include overdrive, radio, Twin H-Power engine, tinted glass, backup lights, electric clock, side sun shades, windshield washers, wire wheel discs, and white sidewalls making it an expensive car in its day.

Last July Lewis and his Hudson went to the national Hudson Club gathering in Pittsburgh, Pa. It takes a lot of faith to drive a 50 year old car around, but Lewis has driven his handsome car to national Hudson club gatherings all over the country in: Auburn, Ind., Wichita, Kan., St. Louis, Mo., Madison, Wis., Greenville, S.C., Nashville, Tenn. and Waterbury, Conn.

Lewis has owned his Hudson for 16 years now, and he has used it for its intended purpose. It is definitely not a garage queen. The mileage on the odometer has now passed 101,000 miles. Of his many trips, he says, "The best mileage I ever got was 18 miles to the gallon." As for the 120-mph speedometer: "I've buried the needle before," Lewis says, "but only for educational purposes."

## Saturn has a new game plan underway for

**RAM Power Wagon:** The latest addition to the Dodge truck lineup is the all-new 2005 Ram Power Wagon. Born as one of the most capable off-road pickup truck ever created, the 2005 Dodge Ram Power Wagon is available for \$36,660.

With electric-locking front and rear differentials, an electronic disconnecting sway bar, a custom-built Warn 12,000-pound power winch, Bilstein monotube high-pressure gas shock absorbers, B.F. Goodrich all-terrain T/A 33-inch tires, 17-inch forged aluminum wheels, and enhanced underbody protection, the legendary Ram Power Wagon returns to the Dodge lineup after a 25-year absence.

**Racing toward the future:** BMW unveiled the world's fastest hydrogen-powered car at the Paris auto show recently, dubbed the H2R, it is capable of exceeding 185 mph.

Unlike most hydrogen-powered vehicles, the H2R doesn't operate on a fuel cell, but rather uses a modified 6.0 liter, 12 cylinder internal combustion engine. When running the tailpipe only emits nothing but steam instead of burned hydrocarbons and nitrous oxide pollutants.

**Carmakers told to share:** The chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee told

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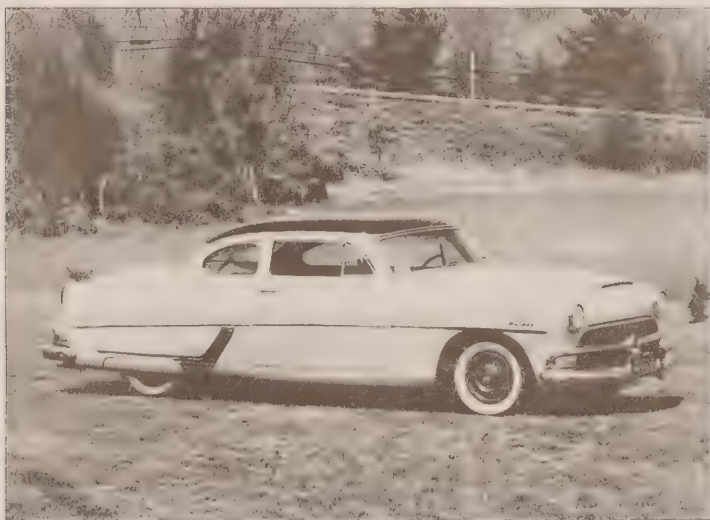
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automakers that they must do a better job of providing information to independent auto repair shops if they want to avoid intervention

from Congress. "This attempt to get the community and the community to get this so Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas is sponsoring a bill that requires automakers to provide information necessary to repair vehicles."



THE LEGENDARY Ram Power Wagon returns to the lineup after a 25-year absence.



ALLEN AND WENDY LEWIS' honeymoon special cross country cruising 1954 Hudson Hornet

## Road

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as revolutionary as it once did.

The STS, which recently went on sale, competes head-on with the BMW 5 Series and Mercedes E-Class that have established a type of Euro styling popular with luxury car buyers. "We're not trying to copy European styling," Wasenko says. "We're very committed to having our own look." He promises that Cadillac will not copy the understated import designs. "We were looking for a modern way of expressing Cadillac design," Wasenko says. He notes that Cadillac was once considered a design leader in the auto industry. "We wanted to regain design leadership in the luxury segment, but we didn't want to relive the glory days," he says. The target was to create a 21st Century design.

Designers in the studio pinned up photos of stealth aircraft and fu-

turistic Bang & Olufsson stereo equipment that are icons of groundbreaking design to stimulate their creativity. The studio was in the process of finishing its third iteration of the STS when Bob Lutz joined the company in 2001. Lutz is considered the ultimate car guy in the auto industry. While he was new product guru at Chrysler, the company brought out innovative designs like the Dodge Ram pickup, Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler.

The first time we showed him the car Lutz only proposed minor changes. "When we said the STS was a sports sedan, however, he questioned why the model had so little tumblehome (the convex curvature on the side of the body)." By creating a doors-into-roof construction, Wasenko's design team provided the additional tumblehome to make it fit into Lutz's view of how the car should appear. Wasenko says that led to a more refined door construction that was very expensive.

However, it improved the quality

of fit. The designers also created sides that are sculpted inward allowing for a lower roof line. The changes gave the STS more of a sports sedan look. "Lutz gave us an opportunity to refine the design," Wasenko says. There's now more tapering on the rear quarter panels. That gives it a smoother and cleaner overall effect. "Tastes of luxury sport sedan buyers are more refined," he says. "When you get into the upper end of the market, personalization is also very important." That personalization goal was also achieved in the interior design. STS buyers are given a choice of two shades of eucalyptus wood and two types of soft Tuscan leather seats. The overall effect creates a handsome interior, perhaps not quite up to the level of the most expensive European imports, but much more spacious. Cadillac has made tremendous strides in the last few years and the STS is a distinctly American offering for those who are looking for a world class high performance sedan.

from over 450 feet away. That way, the car will be cool or warm when you get into it.

Another enjoyable feature is XM Satellite radio. But what has the Buick people delighted is the fact that they are just one step away from being rated best in dependability — and the 2005 LaCrosse could put them in first place.

As for safety and security, these Buicks are equipped with the latest features available.

### BUICK LACROSSE CXS

Vehicle Type	Five/six-passenger front-wheel drive midsize sedan
Suggested Retail	\$28,995
Engine Type	.V6 24 valve VVT w/SPFI
Horsepower	.240 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	.225 @ 3,200 rpm
Transmission	.Four-speed automatic with OD
Wheelbase	.110 inches
Height	.57 inches
Turning Circle	.40 feet
Curb Weight	.3,568 pounds
Fuel Capacity	.17 gallons
Mileage	.City/highway 19/28

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six-seater is an option), plus plenty of flip-and-fold storage areas. A line engineer pointed out to me the tolerance gap between materials; it's extremely close.

As for ride and handling, I drove all three models and enjoyed each for all are structurally sound and have a suspension tuned to cushion the bumps out of any road. But my favorite was the CXS because it has a Gran Touring suspension. It also has StabiliTrak to help prevent the car from getting out of control.

The CXS has a V6 engine producing 240 horsepower compared to 200 horsepower in the other two models. All connect to a four-speed automatic transmission.

As for safety and security, these Buicks are equipped with the latest features available, including Ultra Sonic Rear Park Assist. In addition to OnStar, the CXS has remote start, allowing the air conditioning or heating system to be started

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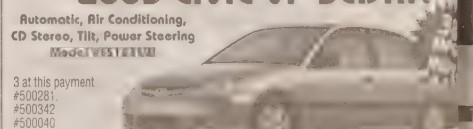
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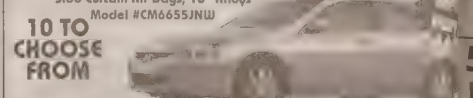
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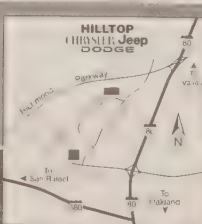
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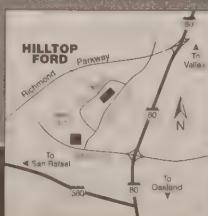
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# DynaQuest Touring Cruiser launches new breed of Class C motorhome

MOTOR MATTERS

Innovative RV manufacturers like the Dynamax Corporation have been looking to the commercial truck industry for chassis on which to build innovative new types of homes on wheels. One of the newest coaches created by using this new approach is the DynaQuest Touring Cruiser. Based on the Freightliner M2 106-series Business Class truck cab and chassis, the DynaQuest offers high load-carrying capacity, a durable and husky powertrain and a substantial towing capability.

Most Class C motorhomes are built on Ford or Chevrolet cutaway chassis, with van cabs, that are designed from the get-go as RV components. Since the Freightliner was originally a commercial chassis, it's designed to accommodate heavy-duty working applications. With a modest-weight RV coach body aboard, the chassis has plenty of capacity left over for additional payload.

The 26-foot DynaQuest, which also has 32- and 35-foot counterparts, has a 23,000-pound Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, which leaves approximately 6,780 pounds in payload capacity after deducting the rig's 16,220-pound wet-but-empty curb weight. In addition, the rig's 26,500-pound Gross Combination Weight Rating means it has roughly a 10,280-pound towing capacity. That figure would be reduced by the weight of passengers and cargo in the coach, but that's still a hefty figure. Most standard Class C motorhomes have less than 5,000 pounds of towing capacity, and with some offering 3,000 pounds or less.

What do those figures mean for the RVer? An average Class C (properly equipped), can safely tow a compact car or modest-size boat. The DynaQuest can tow a full-size pickup or SUV with capacity to spare, a much larger boat or a horse trailer with three or four critters aboard, for example. Such towing capacity could be of great interest to someone who travels a lot with a trailer along and also uses the tow rig for overnight lodging.

Regardless of the load, drivers will enjoy the rig's road manners. We found the DynaQuest quiet in operation and fairly smooth riding for a commercial chassis. Leaf springs up front and automatic ride-height-adjusting airbags out back make for firm, but not harsh, ride qualities.

Cornering and straight-line stability are aided by use of a fairly long wheelbase on a fairly short body, both facts that add up to a vehicle that won't beat the driver

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on long trips. Braking is solid and dependable, thanks to the rig's four-wheel power discs, and that's always good for peace of mind.

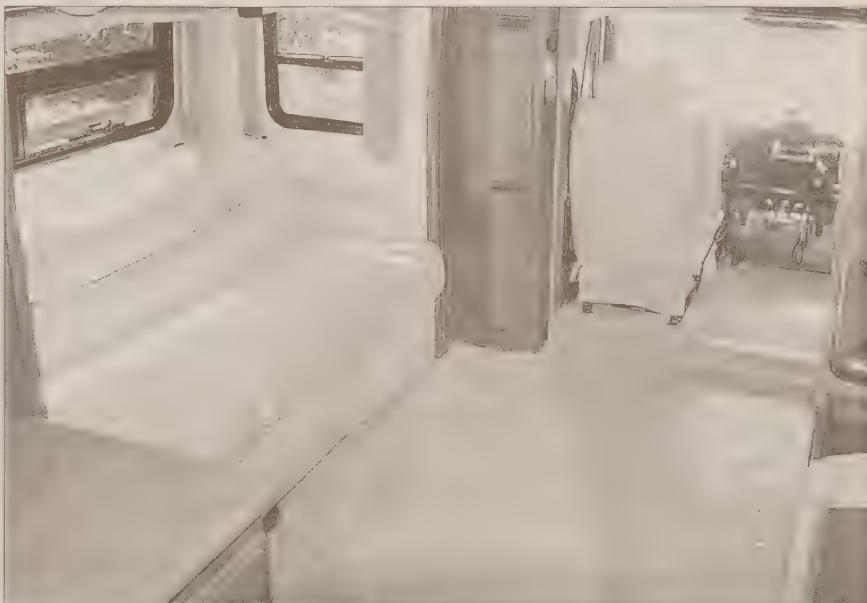
Our test-rig was powered by the Mercedes Benz 6.4-Liter 250-hp diesel and backed by the Allison six-speed 3,000-series TRV automatic transmission. With a hefty 666 foot pounds of torque, the Mercedes engine pulls hard and strong from a dead stop and climbs hills in a sprightly fashion. All but the most diehard performance freaks should have few complaints about the DynaQuest and its throttle response characteristics. Engine access is superb due to the single-piece forward-tie engine hood with fenders unit.

Not only is the DynaQuest a highly capable road machine, it's built of top-grade materials that place it in the upper-midrange end of the price spectrum. Cherry cabinets and woodwork, Corian solid-surface counters and premium-grade upholstery and carpet fabrics are used throughout.

Dynamax builds the coach using vacuum-bonded sidewalls with smooth fiberglass skin, polystyrene foam insulation and aluminum framing. Molded fiberglass end caps and a fiberglass roof add durability and classic good looks. And the full-body paint sets the coach apart from others that use adhesive graphics.

Inside, the coach features a forward living room with a driver side sofa/bed — the main sleeping quarters then a fixed two-person dinette. The kitchen is aft of the slideout, and the bath is in the driver side rear corner. And a small counter and vanity/lavatory sink are positioned across the back wall adjacent to the entry door. Any smaller-size motorhome has its compromises between livability and efficient space utilization. The rig's overall low profile means there's limited exterior storage, but the company has installed enough compartments to handle an average amount of camping necessities.

Good looks come naturally to this coach. We were the recipients of many an admiring gaze from passers-by of all ages while driving the DynaQuest. It's kind of fun to operate a specialized rig that provides comfortable living, and can haul the extras that other RVs can't. For a small family the DynaQuest could be a great home on wheels. For more information, contact Dynamax Corporation, 888-295-7859, or visit [www.dynamaxcorp.com](http://www.dynamaxcorp.com)



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## Pickup trucks with limits confuse owners

MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a new 2004 Chevrolet 1500 pickup. My problem is that the normal idle speed is 800 rpm. The truck will accelerate by itself on level ground and from a traffic light stop to 30 mph. I went to the dealer and he said the computer is programmed at the factory and the setting cannot be altered. I am afraid of wearing out the brakes. Other trucks I have owned idled at 500 rpm. Thanks — Rick

**Dear Rick:** The idle speed is computer controlled and set at the factory. The transmission in your truck is a four-speed automatic with overdrive. This will allow the truck to travel at 20 mph-plus on flat ground at idle speed. A lot of owners have complained about this. As for the idle speed of 800 instead of 500 rpm, that is something which you will need to consult with the dealer about again. Ask to have a factory representative look into it for you. Today's late model computers are bi-directional. And if in fact the idle is out of spec then the dealer can flash (reprogram) the computer.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2002 Ford Ranger with a 3.0 liter V6 engine and an automatic transmission. The problem I have is that the truck will not go over 85 mph. It feels like the engine is running out of gas. I went back to the dealer and he said because of federal laws the truck is designed to not go over 85 mph. This does not sound logical. Thanks — Donald

**Dear Donald:** The dealer is on the right track. Vehicles are electronically speed-limited for many reasons, including the speed rating. Your truck falls into the 85 mph category. There are computer reprogramming companies that will allow you to adjust the maximum speed rating as well as other criteria. If you decide that you want change the speed limiter setting, then you must make sure that you are riding on the correct speed rated tire.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1988 Lincoln Town Car 5.0 V8 with only 85,000 miles. The car will not pass the smog test because the check engine light does not come on. I replaced the bulb and checked all the fuses. I purchased a code reader

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and cannot get any codes to read out. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Thanks, — Harold

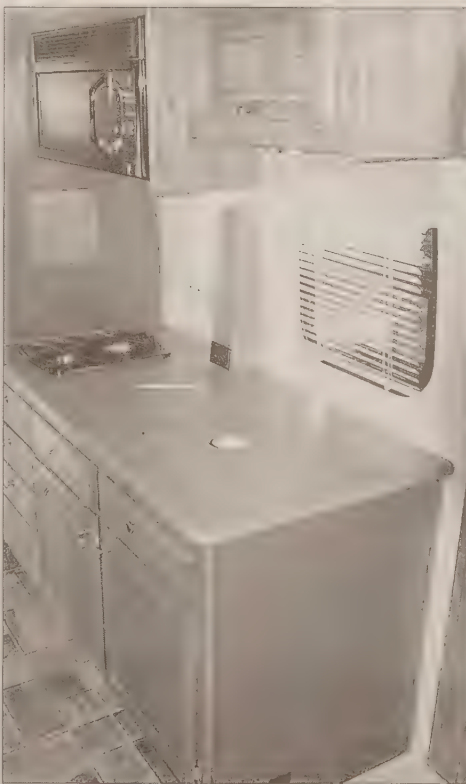
**Dear Harold:** You will need to purchase a repair manual that will give you a trouble flow chart. You can also get on line to AllData.com. Go to the DIY section. For a small fee you can get access for one year for your vehicle, downloading any thing you want, as often as you like. Poor ground connections are a very common problem. There is also the possibility that the computer may be faulty.

**Dear Doctor:** What would cause the ignition key not to turn on my 2001 Buick Century and my 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier? I have to keep wiggling the key to get it to turn. Thanks — Raymond

**Dear Raymond:** The most common reason for ignition key locking is pressure from the steering locking pin against the ignition cylinder lock. This happens especially when you have turned the wheel sharply to park in a parking space. Leaving the steering wheel turned sharply either way puts a lot of pressure on the steering system at start-up. Try turning the steering wheel a distance in each direction while gently attempting to turn the ignition key. Another tip is to let the straighten the wheel until the tires are pointed in the straight ahead position where there is no pressure on the ignition cylinder lock (or the power steering pump) before shutting the key off.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2000 Buick Regal 3.8 liter V6. I also own an outboard engine that I mix oil in the gasoline 50-to-1 ratio. Each fall I always have some pre-mix gasoline left over. Can I use the leftover in my car safely? Thanks — Don

**Dear Don:** Do not use the pre-mix gasoline in any fuel-injected vehicle or vehicle that has an oxygen sensor and catalytic converter. This oil will damage the oxygen sensor and the catalytic converter. The thicker pre-mix would also flow more slowly through the fuel injectors.



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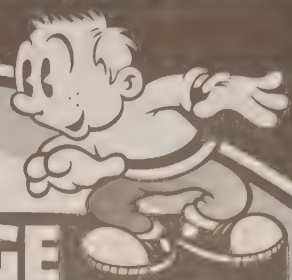
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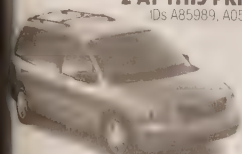
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 IDs A15316, A77660



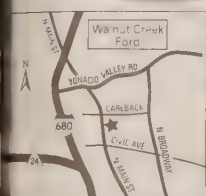
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**'02 FORD MUSTANG** ID 114401 **\$11,995**  
**'02 ISUZU RODEO** ID 419985, Kelley Blue Book: \$14,025 **\$13,995**  
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**\$13,995**  
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 MSRP 22,613  
 Dealer Discount 2,611  
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 CFC Bonus Cash\* 1,500  
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## ALAMEDA

3215 Briggs C - \$485,000  
3320 Cook Ln - \$532,000  
3114 El Paseo - \$420,000  
3270 Encinal Av - \$439,000  
209 Haight Av - \$504,500  
3220 Liberty Av - \$635,000  
2945 Marina Dr - \$1,200,000  
3038 Marina Dr - \$582,000  
1136 Mound St - \$465,000  
1608 Willow St - \$500,000

## ALBANY

1043 Key Route Bl - \$615,000  
948 Madison St - \$485,000  
535 Pierce 2305 - \$466,500  
903 Talbot Av - \$550,000

## BERKELEY

1804 10th St - \$749,000  
1810 10th St - \$749,000  
277 Alvarado - \$2,300,000  
755 Creston Rd - \$765,000  
1408 Delaware St - \$610,000  
2425 Edwards St - \$625,500  
1419 Grizzly Peak - \$640,000  
957 Hilldale Av - \$412,000  
1545 Prince St - \$460,000  
2431 Russell St 9 - \$467,000  
49 San Mateo - \$1,249,500  
2640 Stuart St - \$325,000  
1720 Vine St - \$592,500  
629 Woodmont Av - \$845,000  
681 Woodmont Av - \$825,000  
1825 Woolsey St - \$636,000

## EL CERRITO

2359 Alva Av - \$850,000  
7335 Fairmount - \$600,000  
628 Kearney St - \$378,000  
1751 Liberty 103 - \$320,000  
604 Richmond St - \$526,000  
11 Wildwood Pl - \$408,000

## EL SOBRANTE

306 Ash Ln - \$286,000  
4779 Bruno Rd - \$585,000  
1085 Lindell Dr - \$375,000  
3908 Marion Wy - \$409,000  
2546 May Rd - \$451,000  
5318 Ridgeview Dr - \$190,000  
3896 Valley Ln - \$393,000

## EMERYVILLE

3 Admiral F465 - \$206,000  
1 Captain D455 - \$381,500  
6363 Christie 2013 - \$370,000  
6363 Christie 2307 - \$679,000  
5514 Doyle Ln - \$380,000  
53 Emery Bay - \$390,000  
1300 Powell - \$590,000  
1332 Powell - \$600,000  
1334 Powell - \$590,000

## KENSINGTON

239 Columbia - \$720,000  
245 Lake Dr - \$574,000

## OAKLAND

1184 100th Av - \$350,000  
1652 100th Av - \$345,000  
871 105th Av - \$265,000  
1720 14th St - \$525,000  
2625 19th Av - \$369,000  
2108 26th Av - \$362,500  
426 27th 103B - \$465,000  
425 28th 102A - \$430,000  
425 28th 203A - \$515,000  
274 38th - \$755,000  
2284 40th Av - \$325,000  
326 49th St - \$275,000  
2914 55th Av - \$495,000  
1084 59th St - \$485,000  
544 59th St - \$415,000  
1326 60th Av - \$330,000  
843 60th St - \$535,000  
2711 67th Av - \$300,000  
2416 68th Av - \$329,500  
3534 68th Av - \$330,000  
1686 69th Av - \$250,000  
2833 75th Av - \$350,000  
1500 76th Av - \$249,000  
970 76th Av - \$239,000  
1070 80th Av - \$290,000  
1119 80th Av - \$264,000  
1915 89th Av - \$335,000  
485 8th St 501 - \$280,000  
1125 90th Av - \$370,000  
1007 92nd Av - \$223,000  
1710 96th Av - \$296,000  
2111 96th Av - \$315,000  
6226 Acacia Av - \$700,000  
390 Alcatraz Av - \$715,000  
472 Alcatraz Av - \$448,000  
3980 Altamont Av - \$350,000

4000 Altamont Av - \$425,000  
7308 Altura Pl - \$460,000  
1000 Alvarado - \$1,500,000  
4352 Anderson - \$575,000  
6771 Armour Dr - \$805,000  
6353 Ascot Dr - \$871,500  
4362 Atlas Av - \$595,000  
2407 Bartlett St - \$384,000  
2768 Bellaire Pl - \$500,000  
3137 Boston Av - \$352,500  
3020 Broadmoor - \$630,000  
6957 B'way Tr - \$664,000  
9045 B'way Tr - \$1,000,000  
3350 Brunell Dr - \$759,000  
5801 Buena Vista - \$1,685,000  
2846 Burton Dr - \$610,000  
10701 Cameron Av - \$710,000  
2545 Carmel St - \$450,000  
301 Caswell Av - \$395,000  
3921 Cerrito Av - \$618,000  
1583 Chandler St - \$455,000  
3315 Chestnut St - \$350,000  
7717 Claremont Av - \$650,000  
2001 Clemens Rd - \$675,000  
6022 Colby St - \$675,000  
5255 Cole St - \$445,000  
4692 Congress Av - \$350,000  
3122 Coolidge Av - \$450,000  
9730 Coral Rd - \$370,000  
455 Crescent 309 - \$229,000  
460 Crescent St - \$370,000  
598 Crestmont Dr - \$690,000  
315 Darien Av - \$300,000  
4327 Detroit Av - \$704,000  
4617 Dolores Av - \$767,000  
5727 East 15th St - \$205,000  
1350 East 32nd St - \$431,000  
4607 El Centro Av - \$829,000  
625 El Dorado 301 - \$427,000  
340 Elysian Fields - \$575,000  
3936 Everett Av - \$270,500  
4335 Everett Av - \$831,000  
7075 Exeter Dr - \$725,000  
5825 Genoa St - \$525,000  
9922 Gibraltar Rd - \$451,000  
115 Gleneden Av - \$650,000  
5000 Golden Gate - \$876,500  
7916 Greenly Dr - \$450,000  
3280 Gouda St - \$630,000  
8000 Hansom Dr - \$650,000  
3750 Harrison 206 - \$190,000  
3405 Helen St - \$342,500  
5348 Hilltop Cr - \$725,000  
1758 Indian Wy - \$849,000  
4620 Jacobus Av - \$710,000  
551 Jean St 411 - \$264,000  
3171 Jordan Rd - \$815,000  
3420 Jordan Rd - \$635,000  
1 Kelton Ct 6E - \$337,500  
2644 La Cuesta - \$975,000  
7025 Lacey Av - \$381,000  
3408 Laguna Av - \$395,000  
2300 Legion Av - \$300,000  
325 Lenox Av 406 - \$232,500  
4107 Lincoln Av - \$550,000  
172 Louvaine Av - \$285,000  
2917 MacArthur 4C - \$300,000  
3015 Madera Av - \$485,000  
3351 Madera Av - \$525,000  
3374 Madera Av - \$424,000  
2150 Magellan Dr - \$779,000  
3635 Majestic Av - \$597,000  
4255 Malcolm Av - \$677,000  
525 Mandana 401 - \$475,000  
5125 Manila Av - \$585,000  
1408 Market St - \$462,000  
2619 MLK Jr Wy - \$350,000  
2924 Maxwell Av - \$500,000  
5970 McAndrew - \$1,250,000  
8019 Michigan Av - \$527,000  
2021 Mitchell St - \$365,000  
2857 Morley Dr - \$702,000  
7650 Ney Av - \$450,000  
5711 Oak Grove - \$950,000  
311 Oak St 721 - \$295,000  
311 Oak St 733 - \$395,000  
567 Oakland 201 - \$371,000  
1 Oakwood Ct - \$1,010,000  
407 Orange St 306 - \$265,000  
7865 Outlook Av - \$525,000  
150 Pearl St 215 - \$200,000  
5109 Pinecrest Dr - \$1,200,000  
831 Portal Av - \$1,025,000  
2438 Renwick St - \$405,000  
6924 Ridgewood - \$720,000  
178 Santa Clara - \$699,000  
3 Serramar Dr - \$1,165,000  
2628 Short St - \$330,000  
1067 Siler Pl - \$780,000  
14 Sonia St - \$850,000  
448 Stoneford Av - \$399,000  
4022 Suter St - \$340,000  
4811 Telegraph 201 - \$526,500  
4811 Telegraph 212 - \$393,000  
1657 Treble Glen - \$850,000  
2641 Truman Av - \$435,000  
536 Vernon St - \$210,000  
707 Walavista Av - \$725,000  
9816 Walnut St - \$220,000  
3910 West St - \$390,000  
6465 Westover Dr - \$585,000  
3866 Whittle Av - \$575,000  
4000 Woodruff - \$405,000

## RICHMOND

149 Ronada Av - \$659,000

545 25th St - \$450,000

630 27th St - \$357,500  
636 2nd St - \$335,000  
847 32nd St - \$360,000  
511 36th St - \$367,000  
628 37th St - \$180,000  
438 3rd St - \$225,000  
631 3rd St - \$315,000  
144 4th St - \$298,000  
126 9th St - \$324,500  
439 B St - \$345,000  
400 Bissell Av - \$657,000  
1711 Burbeck - \$299,000  
210 Castro St - \$460,000  
2029 Costa Av - \$361,000  
616 Duboce Av - \$299,000  
1929 Esmond Av - \$391,000  
713 Griffin Dr - \$285,000  
311 Hawk Ridge - \$668,000  
1718 Hallings Av - \$371,500  
611 Humboldt St - \$551,000  
2751 Jo Ann Dr - \$410,000  
3050 Jo Ann Dr - \$430,000  
4000 Lake Wy - \$316,000  
4113 Lake Wy - \$255,000  
1628 Lincoln Av - \$367,000  
1611 Livingston Ln - \$290,000  
5836 Loring Av - \$425,000  
2836 Lowell Av - \$324,000  
5100 MacDonald - \$473,000  
2534 Maine Av - \$276,000  
1556 Mariposa St - \$450,000  
1207 Melville 316 - \$320,000  
471 Metro Wilk Way - \$405,500  
485 Metro Wilk Way - \$301,000  
4836 Morwood Dr - \$510,000  
1047 Myrtlewood - \$470,000  
1407 Nevin Pl - \$276,000  
2827 Ohio Av - \$265,000  
3322 Park Ridge Dr - \$625,500  
3334 Park Ridge Dr - \$664,000  
3336 Park Ridge Dr - \$608,000  
2407 Rheem Av - \$345,000  
4606 Robert Wy - \$398,000  
6113 Sacramento - \$600,000  
324 Sanford Av - \$210,000  
1710 Shasta St - \$440,000  
2710 Sheldon Ct - \$440,000  
2663 Sheldon Dr - \$399,000  
215 South 13th St - \$239,000  
252 South 17th St - \$289,000  
534 South 24th St - \$285,000  
257 South 42nd St - \$370,000  
316 South 9th St - \$389,000  
57 Southwind Cr - \$667,500  
1031 Suncrest Ct - \$500,000  
1039 Suncrest Ct - \$464,000  
815 Virginia Av - \$365,000  
218 Water St - \$435,000  
2877 Wendell - \$355,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1735 139th Av - \$420,000  
1677 140th Av - \$470,000  
777 Barri Dr - \$475,000  
656 Black Pine - \$452,000  
333 Bowling Green - \$450,000  
2171 Buena Vista - \$408,000  
408 Caliente Dr - \$345,000  
1400 Carpenter 214 - \$340,000  
730 Chico Dr - \$505,000  
15215 Dayton Ct - \$535,000  
696 Dolores Av - \$585,000  
55 Dutton Av - \$536,000  
898 Estudillo Av - \$593,000  
1230 Georgetown - \$455,000  
1324 Gilmore Dr - \$385,000  
14515 Hemlock St - \$475,000  
14975 Lark St - \$440,000  
1468 Lucia Ct - \$430,000  
15925 Maubert 8 - \$328,000  
16256 Maubert Av - \$355,000  
2145 Miramar Av - \$391,500  
519 Monogram - \$570,000  
14232 Outrigger - \$358,000  
1562 Purdue St - \$540,000  
1697 Purdue St - \$458,000  
711 Raineer Ct - \$260,000  
1608 Renaissance - \$434,000  
1612 Renaissance - \$430,000  
1616 Renaissance - \$450,000  
1620 Renaissance - \$498,500  
764 Rodney Dr - \$676,000  
16705 Rolando Av - \$575,000  
14686 Saturn Dr - \$500,000  
15112 Swenson - \$445,000  
383 Warwick Av - \$583,000  
477 Warwick Av - \$700,000

## SAN LORENZO

953 Ferro Dr - \$538,000  
536 Grant Av - \$437,000  
566 Heritage Cr - \$366,000  
570 Heritage Cr - \$405,500  
16072 P.D. Campo - \$430,000  
605 Paseo Del Rio - \$470,000  
1720 Via Amigos - \$500,000  
1784 Via Barrett - \$510,000  
17245 Via Frances - \$498,000  
17422 Via Frances - \$480,000  
1893 Via Lacqua - \$410,000

1230 Via Lucas - \$551,000  
15781 Via Represa - \$485,000

## By the numbers

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$420,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$504,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$576,250

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$466,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$615,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$529,125

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 16  
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,300,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$640,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$765,656

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$526,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$513,667

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$585,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$393,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$384,143

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$206,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$679,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$390,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$465,167

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$574,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$720,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$647,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 149  
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,685,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$451,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$527,168

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$800,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$900,000

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 60  
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$393,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$384,143

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 36  
LOWEST PRICE: \$206,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$679,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$390,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$465,167

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$451,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$527,168

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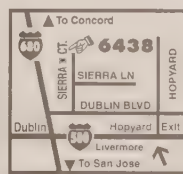
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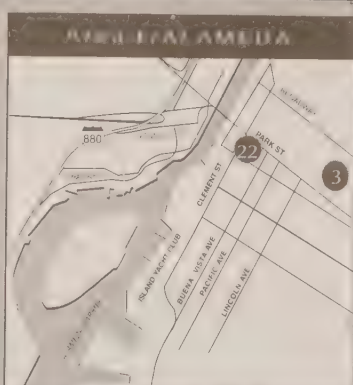
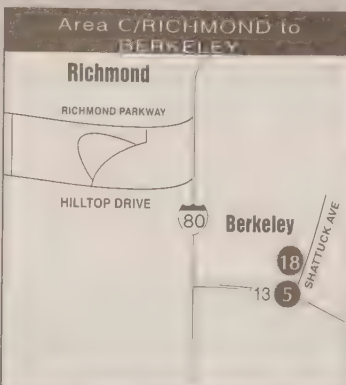
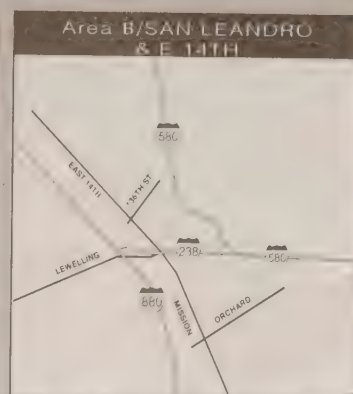
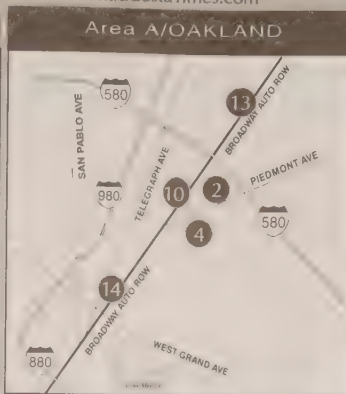
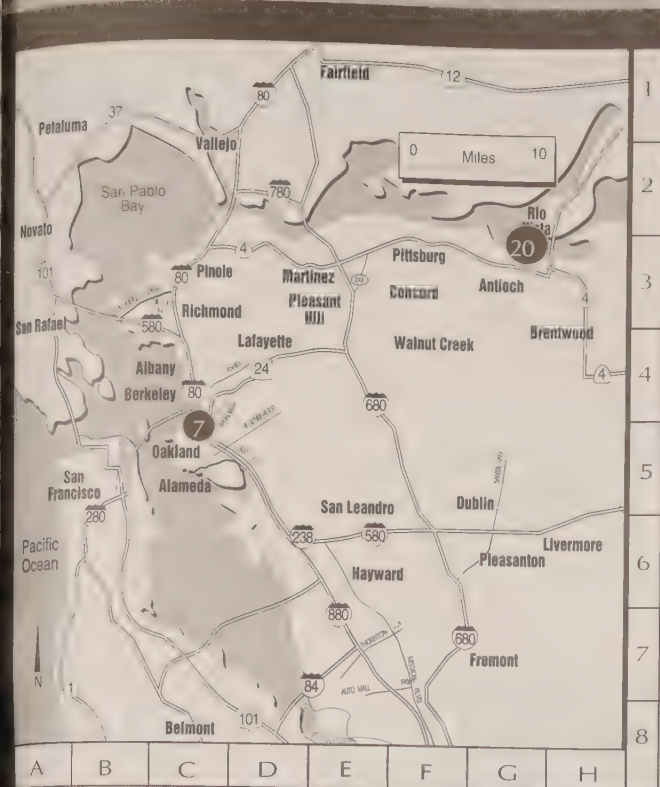
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**MOVING SALE**  
Saturday 10/9-5pm  
5800 Cattleya Dr.  
Furn. Ceter. Items,  
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**H&M-HOUSES**  
Addenrock Golf Course  
10000 Hwy 101  
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Sat: 1-80. American Cyn  
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**Walnut Creek**

**351 Shady Glen Rd.**  
Sat. 9-2  
Clothes, furniture,  
household items, tapes  
miscellaneous items

**FRIDAY & SAT 9-4**  
1001 De La Cruz St  
Off Castle Rock Rd.  
Cds, plates, mirrors, chi-  
lens, grdn furn., X-mas  
decorations, etc.  
Please No Early Birds!

**Huge Moving Sale**  
Sat Oct. 9th 9-4  
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Bike, Bldg. materials,  
Hsehold. items,  
household appliances,  
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etc. etc. etc.  
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Get bargains from  
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**SAT 9-3 SUN 10-2**  
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Project. As per  
bid. 10/8/04 for  
state contract. Proj  
ing. w/ w/ need G  
Contractor. A  
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## Found

**CAT** White,  
Martinez  
925-729-0702

## Found

**DOG**, small, blk. area of  
Cumbly Dr (Antioch)  
Call to ID 925-864-4621

## Found

**KEYS**, dsl set, found in  
hair. Men. 925-864-4621

## Found

**PIT BULL**, Hillcrest &  
Antioch. Call to ID  
925-864-4621

## Lost

**\$2000 REWARD** for the  
safe return of my  
small IR Terrier dog  
lost in Clayton 925-864-4621

## Lost

**2 JACK Russell Terriers**,  
w/ w/ b/ brown spots  
Reward 925-864-4621

## Lost

**BIRD**: African grey,  
female. \$1000  
Reward 925-864-4621

## Lost

**BIRD**, large, Richmond,  
Redwood. Lost  
925-864-4621

## Lost

**CAT**: 14yr. male Tabby  
"Mr. Baker", blue cat,  
yellow tag, 13lb. male  
near 404 Edwards St.  
in Crockett on 9/25/04  
107-787-0371, 401-3878

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**CAT** adult, Hercules,  
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orange w/hi. 5/10/24-04  
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**CAT** "Molly", blk. long  
hair, El Sobrante area.  
Reward, 510-222-8652

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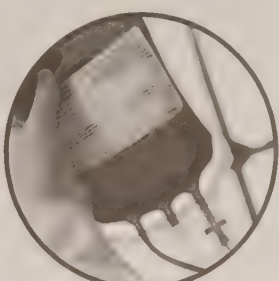
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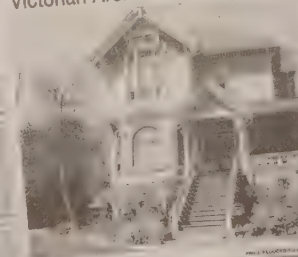
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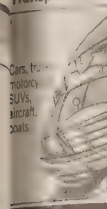
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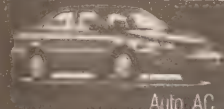
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# Shopping Plus

Friday, October 8, 2004

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Learn everything you need to know about popcorn in a jiffy

BY ALLISON ASKINS

corn is a food that makes

aren't the same without it, even in front of the... you'll need the low-fat va... popcorn is one of the few... you won't have... in such small portions... left wanting for more... in honor of National Pop... we're tossing you a... pop quiz — pardon the... We've also found several... doll up the treat for your... quizing season.

October was selected as... month because:

The weather cools and it... a good fit.

The popcorn harvest takes... the Midwest during Oc...

More Americans attend... in the fall

The six varieties of corn... popcorn, sweet, dent, flour...

average American eats... how many quarts of pop...

the oldest ears of popcorn... and when?

Iowa in 1935

B. In New Mexico in 1948 and 1950

C. In Nebraska in 1948 and 1950

6. Popcorn is a food recommended by the National Cancer Institute for its fiber content.

A. False

B. True

7. Air-popped popcorn provides how many calories per cup?

A. 30 calories

B. 45 calories

C. 25 calories

8. What is an old maid?

A. A woman who never married

B. A corn kernel that never pops

C. A child's card game

9. Old-maid corn kernels can be salvaged by soaking them in water.

A. True

B. False

10. The world's first mobile popcorn machine weighed how much?

A. 150 to 200 pounds

B. 275 to 300 pounds

C. 400 to 500 pounds

Bonus question: One of the earliest methods of popping corn involved:

A. Placing a clay pot filled with kernels and soaked in animal fat over an open flame

B. Mixing unpopped kernels with intensely hot sand

C. Placing kernels in a large jar placed in the sun to warm for several hours

Answers

1. B

2. A

3. C

4. B

5. B

6. B

7. A

8. A, B and C

9. A. Visit [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org) for instructions on how.

10. C  
Bonus question: B

## Popping tips

■ Popped kernels can add fiber to salads and soups. Simply sprinkle a few pieces on top.

■ You can season popcorn both after it has popped by tossing items over it, or by placing seasonings in oil before popping corn the old-fashioned way — in oil over a hot stove or flame.

■ Salt isn't the only seasoning recommended for popcorn. Some movie theaters now offer popcorn bars where you can top your popcorn with butter, garlic, cinnamon — all variety of seasonings.

■ Popcorn also can make a tasty dessert when mixed with syrupy combinations, much like Rice Krispie treats combined with melted marshmallows.

■ And if low-carb is on your mind, Poppycock now creates a low-carb version of this sweet popcorn snack

■ A final bit of advice: Don't serve popcorn to infants or toddlers. The American Academy of Pediatrics warns of a choking potential until children learn how to chew their food thoroughly before swallowing.

## Where we found it

The source for this and many other interesting bits of information about popcorn can be found at [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org), a fun Web site produced by the National Popcorn Board.

The site includes teacher and student resources, including ways to create math and science problems while learning about popcorn, too.

## POPCORN CON PESTO

5 quarts popped popcorn

1/2 cup melted butter

1 tablespoon dried basil leaves, crushed

1 teaspoon dried parsley, crushed

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/3 cup parmesan cheese

1/2 cup pine nuts (optional)

Put popped popcorn in a large

bowl and keep warm. In a small

saucepan, melt the butter; add

basil, parsley, garlic, parmesan

cheese and nuts. Stir to blend

Pour over popped popcorn,

stirring well

Makes 5 quarts (20 servings).

Note: You may use dried thyme

or oregano instead of basil.

From: [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org)

See POPCORN, Page 2

## Halloween wreath is easy and fun to make

By B. COM

This cheerful wreath of animated pumpkins welcomes Halloween visitors. Have fun making your own funny faces from lightweight clay (or use fun foam). Drape the wreath with artificial spiderweb to complete the look.

### What you need

■ 10-inch wreath form of wire or foam, such as Styrofoam  
■ Wide masking tape  
■ Air-dry clay, such as Crayola Model Magic

■ Rolling pin  
■ 2-inch to 3-1/2-inch round biscuit or cookie cutters  
■ Sharp knife  
■ Thick white craft glue  
■ Toothpick  
■ Acrylic paint in orange, yellow, black, and green  
■ Paintbrush  
■ Strong adhesive, such as E6000

■ Black curling ribbon  
■ Scissors  
■ Artificial spiderweb

### Instructions

1. Using masking tape, wrap the wreath form until covered. Set aside.

2. To make pumpkins, roll out clay about 1/8 inch thick. Cut circles with various sizes of the round cutters. Work quickly as the clay dries fast. Keep extra clay tightly wrapped.

3. Distort the circles slightly by

pulling into oblong shapes as desired. Use a knife to press curved lines into the pumpkins.

4. Form clay eyes, noses, and mouths. Cut rectangular shapes for stems. Position the pieces on the pumpkins. Use a toothpick and a dab of craft glue to attach them. Cut simple leaf shapes. Use the knife to draw leaf veins.

5. After the clay is dry, paint the pumpkins orange, the stems green, and the facial features yellow and black. Let dry.

low and black. Let dry.

6. Generously apply adhesive to pumpkin backs and leaves. Attach to wreath form. Let dry.

7. To curl pieces of ribbon, hold scissors at an angle against ribbon, pulling ribbon taut against blade. Glue ribbons between the clay pieces. Let dry. Add spiderweb as desired.

Source: From the book, *Halloween Fun: 101 Ideas to Get in the Spirit*.



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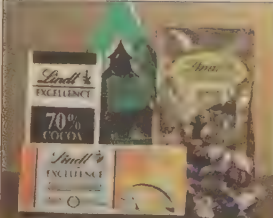
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The hearth appliances of today are more popular — and advanced — than ever. Available in sizes and shapes to fit virtually any room or corner of your home, today's fireplaces and freestanding stoves give you a great deal more than ambiance or heat — they are literally design statements. Traditional or ultra-modern, fueled by gas, wood, electric or pellets, they are standard offerings in more than half of the new homes built (nearly 1.8 million projected for 2004).

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA), new home buyers rank a fireplace among the three features they want most, along with outdoor porches or patios and upgraded kitchens. Shipments of hearth appliances have grown 500 percent since 1994. Gas-fueled products represent two-thirds of all new fireplace shipments, and technological advances such as direct-vent fresh air replacement gas systems can actually heat the whole house.

Nearly three-quarters of all factory-built fireplaces are installed at the time of new home construction;

the time to make changes is before the house is built. Contractors will likely choose a very basic, economical fireplace, so it's up to you to make it known from the outset that the fireplace is important to you and you want to explore options for an upgrade. HPBA studies have found that a fireplace typically adds \$12,000 in value while also enhancing your home.

## Where do you begin

There are some 3,200 hearth specialty retail stores across the U.S., many with National Fireplace Institute (NFI) certified installers on staff. These retailers are the source for all the information a homeowner needs on the types and sizes of products available as well as on the all-important local code and regulation data. Unlike many appliances you purchase, hearth products don't lend themselves to do-it-yourself installation, so rely on an HPBA member retailer.

## Consider the options

You need to keep an open mind about whether a wood burning, electric or gas fireplace best suits your

lifestyle and needs. Non-wood burning units add flexibility by allowing installation and safe use without the requirement of a chimney. Direct vent technology enables the expulsion of gas fireplace emissions out the side of a house. Electric and vent-free fireplaces need no venting.

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And outdoor hearth products such as firepits, chimineas and patio heaters are now being sold in record numbers.

## Not your grandfather's fireplace

Get with it, and find out just how far fireplaces have evolved. For more information, or the location of a professional retailer in your market, visit [www.hpba.org](http://www.hpba.org).

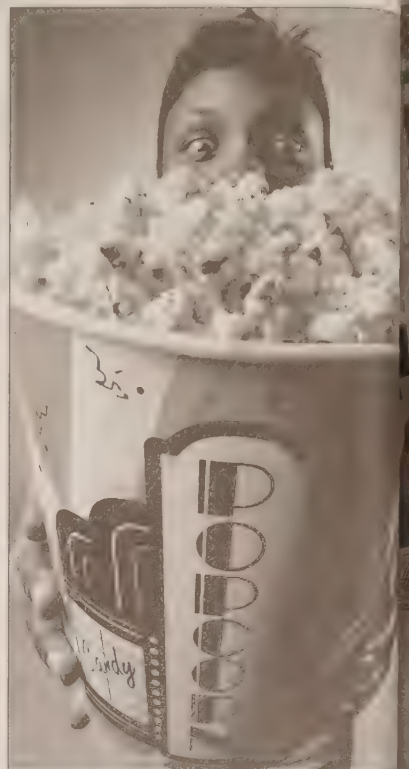
## Popcorn

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**HOT-MUSTARD POPCORN**  
2 quarts popcorn popped in ½ cup oil  
1 teaspoon mustard (dry)  
½ teaspoon thyme  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
Dash cayenne pepper  
½ teaspoon low-sodium salt (optional)  
Keep popcorn warm.  
Mix seasonings together. Add to popped popcorn and mix thoroughly. Makes 2 quarts (8 servings).  
From: [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org).

**TOUCHDOWN TREAT**  
4 quarts popped popcorn  
1 cup unsalted cocktail peanuts  
1 cup seedless raisins  
1 cup honey  
½ cup water  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
In a large buttered bowl, combine popcorn, peanuts and raisins. Keep warm.  
Combine honey, water and lemon juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture reaches 250 degrees, or hard-ball stage on a candy thermometer.  
Pour over popcorn; toss to mix thoroughly. Turn onto a buttered jelly roll pan or large baking pan. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.  
Makes 4 quarts (16 servings).  
From: [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org).

**COUNTRY-COUSIN POPCORN BALLS**  
2 cups sugar  
2/3 cup apple juice or water  
2/3 cup maple syrup  
½ cup butter  
1 ½ teaspoons salt  
4 quarts warm popped popcorn  
1 cup honey-roasted, unsalted or salted peanuts  
1 8-ounce package chopped dates (1 ½ cups)  
Combine sugar, apple juice, syrup, butter and salt in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally.  
Remove sugar from sides of pan with a wet brush. Cook, without stirring, until mixture reaches 270 degrees, or the soft-crack stage on a candy thermometer. Add vanilla.  
Pour mixture over popped popcorn, peanuts and dates; mix well. Wet or butter hands and shape into 3-inch balls.  
Makes 18 balls (8 to 10 servings).  
Note: 1 ounce of unpopped



BY GERRY MILLER

OCTOBER IS National Popcorn Month.

popcorn kernels (2 tablespoons household measure) makes about 1 quart of popped popcorn.  
From: [www.popcorn.org](http://www.popcorn.org).

**CHEESY CHILI POPCORN**  
8 cups popped popcorn  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder  
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese  
Place popcorn in a small bowl, stir in butter, chili powder and powder. Drizzle over. Toss to coat.  
Sprinkle with parmesan to coat. Makes 10 servings.  
Store in tightly covered container at room temperature long as three days.  
From: "Kid Favorites Healthy" by Better Homes and Gardens (Meredith Books).



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With fall here and winter soon on our doorstep, what better time than the present to put your heart and soul into planning a major remodeling project. It'll give you something to look forward to in the dreary months ahead.

A good place to start is by gathering ideas. Remodeling magazines are one place to turn. They are typically filled with articles outlining the latest and greatest ideas. Other good sources of information include home shows, which are plentiful in the wintertime, and tours of model homes.

Once you're sold on the idea of remodeling the kitchen, bathroom, or some other room in your house, the next step is to hire a contractor who will take all the ideas you've gathered, and run with them.

"Deciding who to hire to do the different aspects of your job requires careful consideration, and a good place to start is by checking out the person's references and reputation," says Dennis Day, a spokesman for the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), the largest and oldest construction trade association in the United States.

**He says you'll want to do the following:**

- Verify the contractor's licens-

ing and insurance.

- Make sure the contractor has at least five years experience and is an expert doing the type of work you need.

- Contact the Better Business Bureau to see if information on your candidate is available.

- Ask how many jobs like yours the contractor has completed.

- Ask for examples of work the contractor has done on other projects.

- Ask the contractor for references from ten current and/or past clients who have had work similar to yours done. Most business comes to a good contractor from referrals, so investigate these references. Randomly call at least three.

"You should ask the people you call if they were satisfied with the job done, if there were any delays in the work schedule, if workers

showed up regularly and on time, and if the work area was well-maintained. It would also be good to know if the contractor held firm to time and cost estimates, how questions and complaints were handled, and if the person you're talking to would use the contractors again," says Day.

The contract you sign with the contractor should include clear information on all aspects of the job including the scope of the work, specific materials to be used, start and projected finish dates, and the progress payment schedule. Be sure all parties understand the terms of the agreement or contract. The contract can be used for your protection if the project is delayed, incomplete, or damaged.

For more tips on choosing the right contractor or construction contracts, log on to AGC's Web site at [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

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BY CAROLE KOTKIN  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

One of the first cakes I learned to bake was my mother's moist and tender sour cream coffee cake. It's irresistible any time of the year.

This cake is wonderful for breakfast, morning coffee, afternoon tea or dessert.

### Here are a few tips:

- A Bundt or other fluted ring pan makes a lovely presentation, but you may also make the cake in a 10-inch angel food pan. Alternatively, spread the batter in a 9-by-13-inch pan, sprinkle the filling on top and bake 30 to 35 minutes. Or layer the batter and filling in two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans and bake about an hour; serve one and freeze the other.

- Make sure your ingredients are fresh, particularly baking powder, which loses its punch after about a year. Check the expiration date or test it by dropping a spoonful in hot water; if it bubbles vigorously, it's OK.

- Bring the butter and eggs to room temperature for better blending by letting them sit out for about an hour.

- Accurate measurements are essential in baking.

For liquid ingredients, use a clear glass measure; for dry, use plastic or metal cups that can be filled to overflowing and leveled with the dull edge of a knife.

Spoon flour into the cup lightly; never pack it in.

- Before heating the oven, make sure the rack is in the proper position; for most baking, that means slightly above the center.

- Turn on the oven before you begin so it has plenty of time to

reach the proper temperature.

- Scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing bowl with a rubber spatula as you mix to ensure no globs of butter and sugar remain uncombined.

### SOUR CREAM COFFEE CAKE

#### Filling:

2/3 cup walnuts, pecans, almonds or other nuts, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup light brown sugar

2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Batter:

Butter and flour for the pan

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature, lightly beaten

1 cup sour cream

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Confectioners' sugar

Mix the filling ingredients in a small bowl and set aside. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.

In a large bowl, beat the butter with an electric mixer until creamy. Add the granulated sugar and beat until fluffy. Beat in the eggs, sour cream and vanilla in the dry ingredients just incorporated.

Spread 1/3 of the batter in the prepared pan. Top with the filling.

Continue layering the batter, the rest of the cake, until the top of the cake is covered.

Bake the cake for about 45 minutes or until it begins to pull away from the pan and a skewer in the center comes out clean.

Set the pan on a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes. Turn the cake onto the rack, remove the pan and let it cool completely. Confectioners' sugar is optional.

Store at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 2 months. Makes 12 servings.

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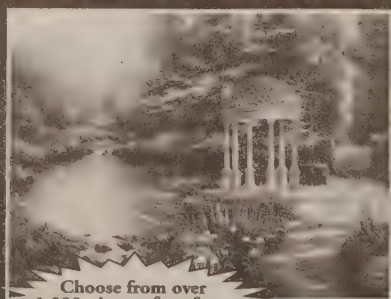
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# Uncover your 'closet' personality

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A look inside your household closets can provide a glimpse of your true "inner self." From the volume and selection of stored contents to how they're organized, your closets are a kaleidoscope of you "united."

Regardless of how you store, pack or stockpile your personal belongings, if getting organized is your to-do list, first ask yourself a simple question: What's the primary reason for not purging or organizing the contents of your closets?

Here are some typical reasons:

**"A" — No time:** Takes too much time to get organized.

**"B" — Functional:** No need to change it because it works for

**"C" — Pack rat:** Items have sentimental value.

**"D" — Not me:** I don't have excess inventory and I'm already organized.

According to Vince Wood of MyCloset.com, an online personality assessment firm, your answer likely reflects one of four personality types described in the Temperament Theory, a principle applied by psychologists for more than 50 years.

Whatever your individual profile, Home Depot experts offer an organization solution to help even the most complex personalities get their closets in tip-top shape. Answer the question above to determine your personality type and go on to find the solution.

### The artisan

Those who answer "A" have a tendency to be artisans — the most organized by conventional standards. "Artisans tend to be very independent. They have their own style and actually know where everything is," Wood explains. "If you organize their closets, they'll have trouble finding things."

The key to creating a successful closet for the artisan is to keep it simple. Mike Mullinax, a Home Depot's buyer for storage and organization systems, suggests a Mill's Pride (shoe stacker organizing footwear), since it increases storage capacity without the structure of a caddy.

Other organization products Mullinax recommends for the artisan include a ClosetMaid (ventilated shelving system accented with a series of sliding wire baskets and stackable storage boxes).

### The rational

Someone who falls into the rational personality portrait is very practical and will tend to answer "B." These personality types will store clothes and shoes as long as they're still functional.

Rationals are focused on problem solving and are interested in finding the most efficient solutions possible. Since rationals are very goal-oriented and pride themselves on their ingenuity, they like to have control over designing their own closets.

To appeal to a rational's practical nature, Mullinax recommends a closet starter kit from Mill's Pride, which includes five hanging bars and an interior solid shelf, and can be personalized with drawers, cabinet doors and additional shelves.

Labor accounts for much of the cost associated with a customized closet," said Mullinax. Home Depot offers all of the materials to create the same look at a fraction of the cost. And, most items only require a basic skill to assemble and install."

A well-planned system can make the place of certain furniture items, such as a dresser or

armoire, leaving more usable space in the bedroom, he says.

### The idealist

If you're not ashamed to call yourself a "pack rat" who saves items for their sentimental value versus their functionality, then you may have an idealist personality. Idealists yearn for romance and are not terribly organized by default, but they are on a constant quest for self-improvement.

The key to engaging an idealist in organization is to create an organization system that is warm and personalized.

"The person with an idealist personality is a great candidate for a custom designed closet system," said Mullinax. "Idealists will most enjoy a closet that is engineered to fit perfectly into their space and lifestyle, yet expresses their identity."

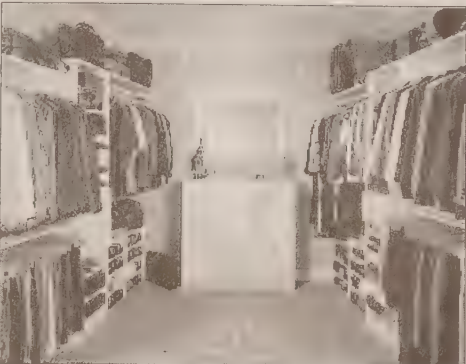
A built-in vanity, unique door pulls and wooden hangers are all appealing features to the idealist. Equally important, the idealist benefits from useful storage options that protect cherished keepsakes.

### The guardian

If you purge your belongings regularly and can't imagine a disorganized closet, then your "D" answer puts you solidly in the guardian personality profile. The most widespread personality type, representing 40 to 50 percent of the U.S. population, guardians are dependable, humble people who are meticulous about schedules and happiest when everything is organized.

Some guardians may be pack rats, but they organize the excess inventory, so it does not look out of place.

Guardians are likely to have



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taken the initiative to install a closet system, buy a shoe organizer and section their drawers according to category or color. Since their closets are already organized, they can incorporate accessories such as a tie or belt rack.

Since guardians seek safety and security, they may also incorporate a fireproof safe into the closet design.

"A successful organization system fits effortlessly into your daily life," said Mullinax. "That's why it's so important to select products that fit your personality. One person's clutter is another person's comfort."

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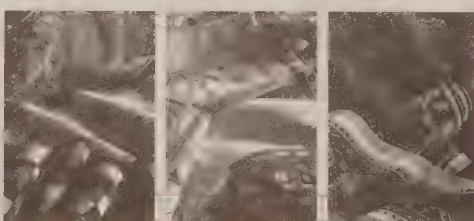
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# Oil boom: A growing crop of new flavors brings culinary opportunities and new questions

BY ROBIN MATHER JENKINS  
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Not so many years ago, cooks had a limited choice of corn, soy and peanut oils, or blends thereof. Then we learned about canola, so called because it's Canadian oil, low acid, from the rapeseed plant. And we fell in love with olive oil, mastered the differences between virgin and extra-virgin, and compared Tuscan to Provencal, Californian to Spanish.

Now, just when we were beginning to feel pretty doggoned smug about our knowledge of all things nutritious, up pops a new crop of specialty culinary oils. Lines of nut oils march down market shelves, and oils we've never heard of — rice bran? — stand shoulder-to-shoulder with more familiar varieties.

Someone must think there's value in those bottles, or merchandisers wouldn't make the effort to bring them to market. It's true. All have nutritional benefits as well as culinary assets, so they're well worth investigating. Like all oils, these are 100 percent fat, with about 120 calories per tablespoon. What makes them noteworthy, however, is the composition of the fats, their ratios of monounsaturated, polyunsaturated and saturated fat. Since these specialty oils are high in healthful monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, they share the health benefits long celebrated in olive oil.

Rice bran oil also offers some additional health benefits. It's rich in anti-oxidant vitamin E, and some research at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge indicated that it may be helpful in treating cancer. Because of its high smoke point and low viscosity, it's less likely to be absorbed when used in frying.

We selected six culinary oils to explore: almond, avocado, grapeseed, hazelnut, rice bran and walnut. Each is best suited to certain uses, less fit for others. We focused on widely available oils in their natural state, choosing not to include flavored versions. We also did not include hard-to-find oils like macadamia or argan, used in Moroccan cooking.

You'll find these oils in natural foods and specialty grocers like Whole Foods Market, and in well-stocked supermarkets. Internet sources include iourgourmet.com, amazon.com and gourmetfoodstore.com. Expect to pay \$9 to \$12 for a half-liter can or bottle, about the same as specialty olive oils.

## A trend from chefs' kitchens

Chefs and cooking teachers started the liquid gold rush, said Stacy Kelly, marketing manager of Loriva Culinary Oils of San Leandro, Calif.

"I credit the celebrity chefs with waking up the American palate," Kelly said. People taste great food in restaurants and "want to go home and replicate the pleasure."

Doing so is easy, said Todd Stein, chef de cuisine at Chicago's MK restaurant. "Home cooks today are so much more sophisticated, and so much better cooks than they were 10 years ago," Stein said. "With a beautiful piece of fish, using a nut oil to highlight the dish — that's something they could do at home. Those oils are so intense, you don't want to use too much. Just a little, as an accent."

Stein said he likes almond oil a lot. "We do a cauliflower almond puree. After we cook the cauliflower, we puree it, then add a little almond oil instead of butter." Home cooks could do that, too, he said.

The notion of using specialty oils as a flavor accent, rather than as a utilitarian standby, seems fresh and new now. But it's a natural extension of our interest in high-quality ingredients.

Industry figures show one oil greased the skids, Kelly said: "Olive oil, which (accounts for) 60 percent of the culinary oils, has paved the way." But flavored and specialty oils have seen the largest percentage of growth in the category: 25 percent in 2003 alone, she said.

The growth in sales of specialty oils prompted one French company, La Tourangelle, to dispatch a son to open an American mill in Woodland, Calif. Twenty-four-year-old Matthieu Kohlmeier's family has produced nut oils in France for 150 years, he said, but the company's California mill has only been operating for a year.

"Nut oils are primarily used in vinaigrettes in France, in the traditional ratio of three parts oil to one part vinegar," Kohlmeier said. "We also use them in pesto, and in cakes and baking. You can add a splash to the water for pasta; it will add a subtle flavor."

Or use these fine oils as an accessory in many dishes. "Grapefruit drizzled with hazelnut oil is awesome!" Kohlmeier said.

But the oils shine brightly in cooking, he said. "When you cook with (specialty) oils, it creates another flavor dimension that's much harder to define," he said. No cook can use an ingredient without knowing how to select for quality, store for longest life, and use the ingre-

dient wisely. Specialty oils are comparatively pricey, so their care is important.

All should be stored in the refrigerator, because light and heat speed the oils' deterioration. Choose oils in colored glass bottles or metal tins for the same reason.

Because specialty oils typically don't have stabilizers or preservatives, Kelly said, refrigerating them extends their shelf life up to a year. "You may see some color and viscosity changes," she said. "The oil will get cloudy. But it will return to its previous condition when it comes to room temperature."

Let the oil's smoke point, the temperature at which the oil starts to break down, determine its use, Kelly suggested. "Usually the product has been carefully extracted to get maximum flavor, and heat (that is too high) will destroy that. To get the optimal value — and flavor — respect the smoke point. You won't be degrading the oil, or tearing it down."

## Beneficial compounds

Nor will you destroy its special nutritional benefits, said Nelda Mercer, a dietitian in Ann Arbor, Mich., who specializes in oils and is a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

"Once you go past the smoke point, you're going to start to denature the nutrients," Mercer said, referring to the damage that high heat brings to those beneficial compounds.

An even more important thing to remember about these oils, she added, is that they're still fats, so use them sparingly.

"If you use a really good oil, you may be able to get great flavor with just a little," she said. "You're going to get higher unsaturated fat, which is very heart-healthy. Calorie-wise and total fat-wise, they're all the same. What differs is the type of fat (each one is highest in). These oils would all be good sources of vitamin E, which is an anti-oxidant," Mercer said.

Oils high in polyunsaturated fats, though they spoil quickly, tend to provide lots of the heart-helping omega 3s.

From a caloric viewpoint, Mercer suggested using specialty oils to "fin-ish the recipe, rather than cooking with them. Choose the one that's right for your recipe. They're all healthful in terms of their nutritional profiles, but avocado oil would have a different flavor than almond oil."

These delicate, crunchy biscotti are wheat- and gluten-free," writes

Nick Malgieri in his book, "Cookies Unlimited." It's important to let the baked cake cool after the first baking, he noted, or it will be difficult to slice. We adapted this recipe to use almond oil instead of melted butter or vegetable oil.

## ALL-CORN BISCOTTI

2 cups whole unblanched almonds  
1 cup each: yellow cornmeal, cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon each: baking soda, ground cinnamon  
1 egg  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup honey  
2 tablespoons almond oil  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 13-by-9-inch pan; cover the bottom with parchment or foil. Line two cookie sheets with parchment or foil.

2. Place 1 cup of the almonds in a food processor; pulse until finely ground. Transfer to a bowl; add the remaining whole almonds, cornmeal, cornstarch, baking soda and cinnamon. Stir well to mix. Whisk the egg in a separate bowl; whisk in, one at a time, the sugar, honey, almond oil and vanilla. Stir in the dry ingredients with a rubber spatula until stiff dough forms.

3. Scrape the dough into the pan; press with the palm of your hand to make an even layer covering the bottom of the pan, about 1/2-inch thick. Bake until firm, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven, leaving oven on. Cool biscotti in the pan 5 minutes; invert out onto a cutting board and cool completely.

4. Set the oven racks in the upper and lower third positions. Cut biscotti into three 13-by-3-inch strips; slice crosswise into 1/4-inch strips. Arrange the biscotti on the prepared cookie sheets; bake 10 minutes. Cool completely. Store between sheets of parchment or wax paper in a tin or plastic container with tight-fitting cover.

Preparation time: 20 minutes; cooking time: 40 minutes, makes 60 cookies.

"This salad is a happy blend of tastes and textures," according to Leslie Revisin in "Sensational Home Cooking in 3 Easy Steps." We adapted Revisin's recipe by using 2 tablespoons hazelnut oil in place of the original extra-virgin

olive oil she suggested.

## WATERCRESS SALAD WITH PEARS AND CREAMY GOAT CHEESE DRESSING

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons log-style goat cheese  
1/4 cup milk  
2 tablespoons hazelnut oil  
Salt, freshly ground pepper  
1 ripe pear  
1 bunch fresh watercress (about 4 cups)

1. Puree 1/4 cup of the goat cheese, milk, hazelnut oil and lemon juice in a blender until smooth, about 1 minute. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper; set aside.

2. Cut pear in half; core. Thinly slice lengthwise. Arrange slices fanned out on four plates.

3. Trim lower third of watercress stems. Toss watercress with 1 cup of the dressing to lightly coat. Mound next to pears. Drizzle remaining dressing over salads. Crumble remaining cheese over tops. Grind pepper to taste over salad.

Preparation time: 10 minutes; resting time: 10 minutes, makes 4 servings.

"Bulgur and walnuts go together like ducks and water, tomatoes and

basil, rhubarb and strawberries and marriage, and more," Victoria Jenanyan Wise writes in "The Menial Table." We used instead of butter to further size the pairing.

## BULGUR AND WALNUT

2 tablespoons walnut oil  
1/3 cup walnuts, chopped  
1/3 cup finely chopped or white onion

1. Heat the oil in a medium-high heat over medium-high heat. Add walnuts and onion; cook until the walnuts are lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Stir in the onion. Increase the heat to medium-high. Cook until the bulgur is lightly toasted, about 2 minutes.

2. Stir in broth and salt. Bring to a boil. Decrease the heat to a simmer. Simmer until the broth is mostly evaporated, 25-30 minutes. Remove from the heat; fluff with a fork. Fluffy and no longer moist. Serve warm.

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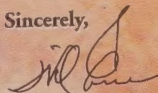
We invite you to browse and get creative if you can manage to squeeze in a few minutes of serendipity into your day. If you only have time for errands, of course, all your grocery, dry cleaning, shipping and postal, dental and pharmacy needs are also right there, amazingly close to where you parked your car! Don't forget to pick up dessert, and get your hair and nails done, too!

This month it is our sincere hope to each of you will take the time to discover the many facets of El Cerrito Plaza and enjoy what we are so fortunate to have right in our own backyard.

The simple pleasures of creating beautiful surroundings, picking up the little surprises for the kids, and spending valuable time with family and friends.....all await you at El Cerrito Plaza. The merchants work hard all year long preparing to bring you the very best, so enjoy and be sure and take advantage of your FREE drawing for an El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Spree.

We hope you find this fall insert as fun to read and refer to, as we had creating it!

Sincerely,



Wil Chun

El Cerrito Plaza Merchant Association

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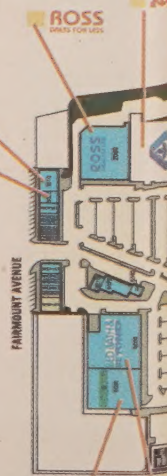
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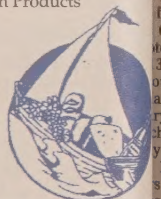
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